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PROCEEDINGS before The Honourable
Mr. Justice W. J. C. Kirby, this
26th day of October, A.D.1967,
at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, at
the Court House, in the City of
Edmonton, Province of Alberta.

MR. CLEMENT:

Mr. Commissioner, Mr. William

Hurlburt is here this morning representing the interests of
the Edmonton Journal, and Mr. Snaddon, the Managing Editor,
and Mr. Hume -- both of whom are being called as witnesses.

Sir, you will recall that it was
agreed that as a matter of propriety and fairness, all
witnesses would be called by Commission counsel so that
other counsel interested would all have an equal advantage
in the way of cross-examination, and none of them be limited
by the rules relating to adducing evidence-in-chief. Mr.
Hurlburt was not a party to those discussions and he is not
bound by them, and I direct to your attention, sir, and to
Mr. Hurlburt's the views expressed by the Court of Appeal
of Ontario in the citation "Re Public Inquiries Act and
Shulman" reported in 1967, Volume 2 of the Ontario Reports,
at page 375. The course we are following here, sir, is one
which meets with the approval of this judgment, save this:
that the court there states that it would be the right of
the witnesses who are called and might be implicated in any
way in the subject matter of the inquiry, to have their own
counsel here, and if they so wish, to have their evidence
led by that counsel. Now, I explain this matter so that Mr.

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MR. CLEMENT: (Cont.) Hurlburt will feel free to put the evidence of his clients in-chief if he wishes to; otherwise we will proceed as we have been doing so far.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Hurlburt?

MR. HURLBURT: I would prefer that you proceed as you have been proceeding.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Mr. Hurlburt.

MR. CLEMENT: My Lord, there are two additional passages in this judgment which I think it would be right to read, having regard to the tendency toward acrimony which has been developing in the last week or so in this hearing.

"Cross-examination, wherever it is permitted, is not to be a limited cross-examination but is to be cross-examination upon all matters relevant to eliciting the truth or accuracy" -- "all matters relevant to eliciting the truth or accuracy of the allegations or statements made. Similarly, any person affected by allegations made before the learned Commissioner should be accorded the privilege of examination as a witness by his own counsel and should be subject to a right of cross-examination, not only by counsel for the Commission but by any person affected by the evidence of that witness.

"All these privileges of examination-in-chief and cross-examination, and particularly with respect to cross-examination, are, of course, subject to the discretion of the learned Commissioner as to

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MR. CLEMENT: (Cont.)

relevancy, the avoidance of repetition and like matters. This Court is not under any apprehension that competent counsel appearing before the Commission will abuse" --- "will abuse the privileges which are to be accorded to them. They, as well as the learned Commissioner himself and the learned counsel for the Commission are, of course, engaged in furthering the very object, if not the sole object of the inquiry itself which is to elicit in the fullest and fairest manner all relevant information on the subject-matter thereof."

Sir, I emphasize "in the fairest manner". And farther on:

"Because of the very nature of an inquiry of this character and of the duties of the learned Commissioner, much must be left to his discretion and to the common sense of competent counsel appearing before him. If proper co-operation is observed in seeing that all legitimate means are employed" ----"all legitimate means are employed to bring out the very truth as to allegations made and being inquired into, there would appear at present, at least, to be but slight ground, if any, remaining for addressing further requests for stated cases to this Court --."

I will now call Mr. Snaddon, please.

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A. W. Snaddon - Clement Ex.

ANDREW WILLIAM SNADDON, sworn, examined by Mr. Clement:

Q Mr. Snaddon, you are the Managing Editor of the Edmonton Journal?

A Yes sir.

Q And you have held that position for a number of years?

A Since 1962, sir.

Q Yes, and that was your office in 1964?

A It was.

Q Did the Journal have in its employ at that time Mr. James Hume?

A It did.

Q Was Mr. Hume under your direction?

A Directly responsible to me, yes.

Q Directly responsible to you. Was Mr. Hume assigned an investigation in respect of Mr. Hooke, Mr. Alfred J. Hooke?

A Among other duties that he had, yes sir, and other people were involved in it.

Q But he was one of several that were so assigned?

A Yes, in a general way. There were certain specific investigations that he covered, and there were other people involved at the time.

Q Yes. Well, if you could just deal with Mr. Hume's assignment then -- what was the nature of it, Mr. Snaddon?

A Well, he was covering the Legislature for the Journal -- senior Legislative reporter -- and one afternoon there was a press session at the -- press conference held by the Premier of the Province to announce the resignation of

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A (Cont.) one Mr. Hinman who had been Provincial Treasurer. Reasons were given and, being a newspaper, sir, we wanted to know --- or see if we could find out if there were any further reasons.

Q For Mr. Hinman's resignation?

A For Mr. Hinman's resignation, yes.

Q Yes, and what transpired from that, Mr. Snaddon?

A Well, in the course of this we had occasion to hear from some people certain allegations about Mr. Hooke, and we undertook to investigate them, too, at the same time, and Mr. Hume was the person to whom these allegations were made.

Q Do you recall approximately the time of Mr. Hinman's resignation?

A It would be, I think, July 28th, 1964. I'm not absolutely sure of the date, but I think that would be right.

Q So that this inquiry was --- this inquiry that was instituted by the Journal, then, began on that day or the day following?

A Yes, actually it would.

Q And what was the course of events then, Mr. Snaddon?

A Well, I believe it was on the Wednesday certain allegations about Mr. Hooke were made to Mr. Hume, who duly reported them to us.

Q Mr. Snaddon, I realize you are speaking solely from memory. You have in your -- in the records of the Journal one or two documents relating to this matter?

A Yes sir.

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Q And one of them is a Memorandum purporting to be made by Mr. Hume, touching his investigations?

A Yes sir.

Q I will put it before you to refresh your memory, Mr. Snaddon, and I do it at this stage because the first date that is mentioned there is Tuesday, if that is of any assistance to you. I am sorry, you wish to make an observation?

A Yes, the Tuesday would be the 18th, yes, July 18th.

Q The dates are not necessarily of, necessarily -

A Just a second now, I am sorry.

Q - of importance as far as I am concerned, but I would like to have you be as accurate as your memory and the documents permit.

A I am quite sure that is the correct date, it was the Tuesday.

Q July 28th?

A That Mr. Hinman's resignation was announced, yes.

Q July 28th?

A July 28th.

Q Yes. Now, if you will proceed, you assigned Mr. Hume to the inquiry because of certain information that you had received or that he had received?

A That he had received, sir.

Q That he had received, yes?

A And which he had reported to me.

Q Verbally?

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A Yes sir.

Q This was by telephone, I take it, or -

A I can't actually say whether it was by telephone or whether it was sometime when he was in the office, but I do know he had discussed, this came up two or three times and we were on the telephone a great deal.

Q This is all in the same day, Mr. Snaddon?

A On the Wednesday was the official allegations of this, yes sir.

Q Yes, I see, so you had some discussion with him then about the information that Mr. Hume said he had received?

A Yes sir.

Q And you authorized him to pursue inquiries along the lines suggested?

A Yes, although actually this information was received for us, yes, we did instruct him to follow certain other procedures, yes.

Q Well, that is to investigate -

A Yes.

Q - according to the information which he had received?

A Yes sir.

Q And then what happened?

A Well, due to certain of the information we received regarding a building in Victoria, we arranged to hire a private investigator to take a look at this building, merely to give us some information about it.

Q Can you name the building?

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A It was the Regent Towers.

Q What was the nature of the information which caused you to expand your inquiry to Victoria, was it?

A We had had previous to this, sometime before, information, pardon me, Mr. Hume had had occasion to phone Mr. Hooke who was on holiday in Victoria, and it went through the exchange of a company which -

Q Paris Investments?

A Paris Investments, yes sir, which caused us to wonder. We checked the Victoria Directory at that time to see what sort of a building it was. This would have been sometime in June, I believe. And we didn't really follow it at that time because we had figured someone would be going out to the Coast very shortly on an assignment, we would have them take a look at it. When this further information came after the Hinman resignation we decided we would like to know a little bit more about this because in fact, sir, we had heard that Mr. Hooke had been living in an executive suite in a rather sumptuous style in Victoria, rent free; and we wished to inquire into it, we had heard this.

MR. STEER: Sir, if I may interrupt. There is considerable hearsay going in through this witness.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well -

MR. STEER: Which I think is unfortunate.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Steer, there is a certain amount of hearsay all through this Inquiry, as you know, and I am

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THE COMMISSIONER: (Cont.) taking a very very liberal view as to evidence.

MR. STEER: Well, Mr. Commissioner -

THE COMMISSIONER: At the proper time I will make my position clear on it, on hearsay evidence.

MR. STEER: I am obliged, sir.

MR. CLEMENT: Let me assure my friend and those interested, sir, that I am not asking these questions to establish the truth of any matter by hearsay, but merely the motivation that resulted in certain actions on the part of the Journal. I am certainly going to address Your Lordship in due time as to the kinds of evidence which have been interspersed in this case.

Q MR. CLEMENT: Now, could we have some more of it, Mr. Snaddon?

A Yes. So we arranged to hire a private investigator from B. C. Detective Agency and asked him to check on this building so we could get a description of it, and also if he could find out if Mr. Hooke had in fact stayed there at any set time. Now, sequence of events I am afraid gets a little confusing here, but it was the next day in the later part of the afternoon on the Thursday at this point that he phoned me and told me that Mr. Hooke had in fact stayed at this place, that there was no executive suite, it amounted to a housekeeping room, he had been there for a short time, and he had obtained this information from the doorman.

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A. W. Snaddon - Clement Ex.

Q Yes?

A And that was really the sum total of his information, sir.

Q From the records of the Edmonton Journal you produce a letter dated August 21st, 1964 from B. C. Detective Agency Limited to Mr. Jim Hume, and an accompanying report?

A Yes, sir, yes, that's it.

Q Unless there is objection I will have this marked.

MR. MAYNARD: The date?

MR. STEER: I wonder if I can see it first, Mr. Clement. I am sorry for the delay.

Q MR. CLEMENT: While counsel are examining that paper, Mr. Snaddon, let us have it clear on the record: you have no personal knowledge of anything that is contained, any statement made in the letter or the report?

A No sir.

Q Was anything else furnished to Mr. Hume or the Journal in connection with this investigation at Victoria?

A Yes sir, there was a tape which is referred to in that article which was largely unintelligible.

Q Yes. Yesterday your counsel gave me that tape. Insofar as one tape can be identified from another I assure you, sir, that this is the very tape Mr. Hurlburt produced to me from the Edmonton Journal depositories. That tape purports to be a record of a conversation that your investigator there had with the doorman or manager, or something of that sort, of Regent Towers at Victoria?

A It purports to be, yes sir.

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Q Yes, and you say it is unintelligible?

A As I recall, sir, an effort was made to play it and I have not seen it since I think, until within the last few days when we dug it out and turned it over to Mr. Hurlburt.

Q Yes.

MR. STEER: Sir, there is some what would be pure hearsay in this matter on an issue that is of interest to this Commission, and I submit that this should not be marked as an Exhibit, sir. It is the purest, it is the purest hearsay, said by the doorman to I gather two men, not even employees of B. C. Detective Agency Limited, but Research Services Limited.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Gill, what is your view on this?

MR. GILL: Well, the matter of weight is purely for yourself, sir, and I cannot comment on what weight you will give it, but I think you have received everything that is equally pure in the matter of hearsay in this matter, and, therefore, as it is a report concerning a subject that we are now investigating, and as you are attempting, in the words of the Ontario Court of Appeal, to "elicit the truth", I would submit that it be received. As to the matter of weight, that is purely for yourself, and that would be a lot more pure than the hearsay than we have been having.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: This is certainly my view, sir, and I can add nothing to it.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Crawford?

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MR. CRAWFORD: I have the same view, My Lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Dowding?

MR. DOWDING: One point only, and that is certain comments were made by the Premier at the time. I don't know that they conform to the facts which may be elicited later, but it goes to show motivation by the Journal which may be a factor in determining later by yourself the question of why this meeting took place later that I understand will be in evidence, so for the purpose of determining motive of the Journal it might become relevant from that point only, but not to speak of the truth of that which is contained in it. I would submit that it should be put in as an Exhibit merely for that purpose and not as evidence of anything of weight in itself.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Maynard?

MR. MAYNARD: Mr. Commissioner, my friend Mr. Gill may be surprised to hear me make this statement. I have been considerably embarrassed throughout this investigation because if I objected to any evidence coming in it would appear that I was trying to hide something from the Commission involving Mr. Hooke. There have been numerous occasions on which I think, Mr. Commissioner, you are well aware where information has been submitted that had absolutely no relevancy whatsoever to the subject matter under consideration. I have protested on certain occasions but not too often. If I were to protest again here today then it would be alleged that I am trying to hide something.

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MR. MAYNARD: (Cont.) We have absolutely nothing to hide and I am quite prepared to let the statement go in and I am quite sure that whatever weight is to be attached to the statement will receive due consideration from you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Steer?

MR. STEER: Sir, if you let this report go in it could go so far that my learned friends could put in, and I imagine they have a great number of them, every report they have got. Now, it has been suggested there has been a lot of hearsay in this Hearing. If we cast our minds back relating to documents, there has been very little, if any. The documents that have been put in in this case for your consideration, Mr. Commissioner, have been official documents or minutes of companies, or documents from the files of the various Departments of Government, and in practically every case there has been a witness to speak with respect to the document. Now, in this particular case, and with respect to this particular document, it contains a statement on which evidence is going to be given in this before you, sir, evidence given by parties who know the facts and will speak from firsthand information. Now, here we have a piece of evidence or a statement made I should say, by a doorman, not to an employee of a person, of the person who makes the report, but to some other organization who in turn passes it on to the person who makes the report. Now, there is, there is no opportunity of cross-examination with respect to that particular statement. Now, I am quite

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MR. STEER: (Cont.) prepared, sir, to say that undoubtedly this will not affect your mind because of the extreme nature of the hearsay, and undoubtedly in this Inquiry and in other Inquiries the Commissioner is entitled to depart from the rules of evidence, but I do submit that this kind of a document goes too far.

I think that is all I have to say.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Hurlburt?

MR. HURLBURT: Our position, sir, is simply that as in duty bound we have appeared with our records, this is one of those records. We don't tender it but it is entirely for the Commission.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Clement?

MR. CLEMENT: Well, sir, I was not tendering it to prove anything except for whatever effect it might have had upon the course the Journal followed.

THE COMMISSIONER: Will it be relative to the subsequent actions of the Edmonton Journal?

MR. CLEMENT: Maybe, sir, I could just leave this on the table for a while until I have asked some more questions from Mr. Snaddon. I fully appreciate Mr. Steer's position in this. The end result, as I understand, of these investigations will be told by Mr. Snaddon, and at that stage you might think this is, should not go in, or you may think it should go in. Perhaps it would be better to pursue a few more questions, sir.

MR. HURLBURT: Perhaps I might say one thing, sir.

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MR. HURLBURT: (Cont.) I think really that this actual piece of paper reached the Journal, I don't think this actual piece of paper reached the Journal until after the other events that you are going to hear.

Q MR. CLEMENT: I was about to point out the difference in chronology, sir. Mr. Snaddon, this is dated August 21st, is it?

A Yes sir.

Q August 21st, and would reach the Journal, reach Mr. Hume in due course of mail after that date, so that we had got a little ahead of ourselves actually in the sequence of events which originated on July 28th?

A Yes sir.

Q Now, from your knowledge then, sir, taking it onwards from July 28th, you instructed Mr. Hume to pursue a line of inquiry; and what transpired from that point on?

A Well, a Mr. O'Dwyer came I believe to the office first to make allegations about Mr. Hooke, and he talked about having evidence to this, in this regard. I recall this, that Mr. Hume and Mr. Keen, as I think then the assistant City Editor or a desk man, an experienced political reporter, discussed this with Mr. O'Dwyer in private, in a private office and decided that unless he had some evidence, we had had occasion to have heard charges by Mr. O'Dwyer before, and we wanted some evidence from him to prove this.

Q No substance to the charges before in your experience?

A Not in our experience, no sir.

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A. W. Snaddon - Clement Ex.

Q So that you were dealing with him cautiously?

A Yes sir.

Q Yes?

A And he had subsequent meetings with Mr. Hume in that day and the next day, and I believe attended a lunch at the Greenbrier Hotel with Mr. Hume and another reporter.

MR. HURLBURT: Excuse me, sir, possibly I might say to Mr. Snaddon to indicate which is his own personal knowledge and -

A Yes.

MR. HURLBURT: - and what was reported to him, since the two are likely to get a little intermingled.

Q MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Hume will give evidence that he is able to from his own knowledge, I was more trying to get from you, Mr. Snaddon, as your counsel suggested, what you yourself know of the events, your own factual knowledge, not necessarily what was reported to you except insofar as a report to you caused some action on your part.

A Very good. Well, I had occasional reports on the progress of other newsmen, Mr. Hume was really working more along the line of why had Mr. Hinman resigned, and then in the afternoon of the, I guess it would be the 20th, Thursday.

Q Which would be two days subsequent to the 28th then?

A Two days subsequent to the 28th, and as far as my own personal knowledge of this is concerned up to this point, sir, as you suggest, anything I heard I heard from Mr. Hume.

Q Yes?

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A. W. Snaddon - Clement Ex.

A I had no contact with Mr. O'Dwyer, I have never had any contact with Mr. O'Dwyer and, well, I never had any contact with Mr. O'Dwyer.

Q I understand why you want to emphasize that, yes.

A On the Thursday afternoon then, which I think is relevant to this, Mr. Hume phoned me from an office in downtown Edmonton which was he told me the Alberta Liberal headquarters, and he had been told that Mr. Hooke was about to tell all, to expose crime, corruption and various things in the Provincial Government. We were both quite skeptical about this, sir, but it has always been one of my dictums in this business to remember Gouzenko who walked into an Ottawa newspaper office and offered to tell them about the Russian spy situation. The reporter told him to get lost, and they somewhat missed a fairly good story, and it is the nature of our business to listen to a great many people on a great many subjects, a great many allegations and a great amount of information, which frequently, unfortunately most frequently, proves to be meaningless, irrelevant or unprovable.

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A So I instructed Mr. Hume to go along to a meeting which was being arranged and keep me posted and to let me know what happened and if Mr. Hooke, indeed, was to tell all which I doubted but, if he did, we would naturally wish to record this for the benefit of our readers.

 That as I say was, I would estimate, about three thirty in the afternoon. I received no further message from Mr. Hume, I did receive the call from the Victoria detective at this point and he informed me about the place.

Q You have already told us that.

A So, Mr. Don Smith who was then the news editor was also waiting to hear from Mr. Hume anything further and we finally went home at suppertime, we hadn't heard from him, I was in touch with Mr. Smith a few times and he phoned me to say that Mr. Hume had called him from an address which I have forgotten now and asked him to pick him up. Mr. Smith went to get him and later in the evening, by this time it would be getting on to about ten thirty, I think, I received a call, as I remember it, from Mr. Smith to say that he had Mr. Hume with him, Mr. Hume wished to discuss a conversation with Mr. Hooke. When he reported the conversation to Mr. Hooke and certain emphasis that was placed on it, I felt I should talk to him so I instructed him to come down to the office with Mr. Smith and I believe Mr. Williams who was then City editor as I recall, came down to the office too, because, not so much the information received but as the course of events that had taken place.

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A. W. Snaddon - Clement Ex.

Q What do you mean by the course of events, the nature of the meeting?

A The nature of the meeting, yes sir and the line of questioning and --

Q You were concerned about how this had been set up?

A Yes sir. I was concerned about the whole operation; I was concerned about what we had been told was that somebody was going to talk and we got there, according to Mr. Hume's report to me, was not the way it happened at all and I was concerned as to just what actually had taken place as to how this had been set up and I hadn't completed these instructions by more than a minute or two when I received a call from Mr. Dean who was the publisher of the Edmonton Journal who was on holidays at this point and was totally unaware of any of the proceedings. Mr. Dean told me he had received a call from the Premier, the Premier was highly indignant, that he felt that the Edmonton Journal would not be party to the activities of a clique which -- I believe he used the term blackmail as the approach of the clique as I understand it.

MR. G.A.C. STEER: I didn't hear the word the witness used.

A Clique, sorry.

Q MR. CLEMENT: Did you understand from this call from Mr. Dean that Mr. Hooke had been to see the Premier and the Premier had then managed to reach Mr. Dean?

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A. W. Snaddon - Clement Ex.

A Yes sir. Mr. Hooke, as I understand it, had gone to see the Premier as a result of this meeting on the South Side.

The Premier was very indignant at the methods used to get him there and the methods of questioning used and spoke of a clique and he did use the term of blackmail, he felt, as I understand from Mr. Dean, that we would not be a party to this. Mr. Dean made it clear that we would not be party to blackmail and wanted to know what had been going on. As I say, he had not been in the office at all and I had not been in touch with him about it and it was a complete surprise to him.

I then went down to the office and discussed it with Mr. Hume and the other editors and the next morning I got in touch with Mr. Hooke. I had known Mr. Hooke quite some years in politics, I felt, we felt, I talked to Mr. Dean about this, we felt that we should make it clear that we had not intended to set this up in this way, that we had been invited over on the theory that he was to hear what was going on or at least, our reporter was to hear what was going on, Mr. Hume was to hear what was going on.

Q That was your understanding at the time Mr. Hume informed you about the intended meeting?

A Oh yes.

Q What actually happened as you learned from Mr. Hume was of a different nature?

A Yes sir.

Q And it didn't meet with the approval of Mr. Dean or yourself,

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Q (cont.) at least the way it was in fact carried on, is that what I understand you to say?

A That is correct, yes. I am referring to the whole thing, not to Mr. Hume's particular contact, but the whole operation which was not what Mr. Hume had been led to believe it was to begin with and had told me.

Q Yes. Well then, sir, your mentioning it the following day you spoke to Mr. Hooke?

A Yes sir.

Q What happened?

A I phoned him in the morning and arranged to meet him at his office. He was quite willing and I went over to his office, I would think about nine fifteen or nine thirty on the Friday morning and discussed the matter with him and he had no animosity to the Journal personally or to Mr. Hume but he had been quite upset by the situation the evening before.

I explained to him and I can't quite remember how the subject was approached but I explained to him that we had in fact hired a private detective and checked on his residence in the Regent Towers in Victoria Street which he quite cheerfully conceded. I might add that we -- had the course of events not gone the way they had, I am sure that we would have approached Mr. Hume based on the information from the private detective -- pardon me, Mr. Hooke, based on the information given us by the private detective and inquired about it. He was quite willing --

Q Yes, that would be a straightforward step to follow?

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A Yes sir.

Q Before making any publications?

A Yes sir, and then it might not be a publication but, a matter of publication.

We had a certain interest in it so therefore we followed it and Mr. Hooke was quite agreeable.

I might add that he had told me when I arrived that he hadn't been well which I had heard before but I hadn't realized that he had been in quite a nervous strain. He pointed out to me that he was occasionally upset and could burst into tears which he couldn't control. This proved to be the case on two or three occasions in the morning for matters which were entirely irrelevant. At one point we were discussing the old time days in the Legislature, I was there about two and a half hours and, as I say, I covered the Legislature about twenty years ago and he was under considerable strain I think, in a general way and he did burst into tears for no particular reason that I could see which was a little embarrassing for him and for me too but, he would straighten up and then we went on.

We discussed his visits to Victoria, his long standing friendship with Dr. Charles Allard who I believe was one of the owners of the building through Paris Investments and the fact that he had got to know Dr. Allard when Dr. Allard had -- was an eminent surgeon I believe, conducted a very serious operation on Mrs. Hooke which Alf -- pardon me, Mr. Hooke felt that he had really saved her life. He told me

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A (cont.) that Dr. Allard used to be out in the area, Mr. Hooke lives in the southeast fringe of the City, had called over there many times just because he was out in that area, I have forgotten for what reason but, he would drop in to look at Mrs. Hooke. They became quite friendly at this point and I believe, as a matter of fact, Mr. Hooke had some ponies in a business venture that he had had that hadn't done very well and he had a pony to spare and he gave one to Dr. Allard's daughter. I recall him telling me that and, he went on to discuss the fact that he had not been well when the Legislature was on and Dr. Allard had advised him to take a holiday. He felt that he could not leave while the Legislature was sitting. Shortly thereafter, in May sometime, his condition was not too good but because of financial difficulties he had of his own, which he discussed at some length, I can't remember them in detail now except I recall he was paying very heavy bank interest because of the business which had gone up, he said that he talked to Dr. Allard and was worried about going away, he didn't really think he should be spending the time and money and Dr. Allard, I guess he had stayed there previously said well, stay at this place, he had gone and stayed there and I believe a housekeeping room as was indicated by the detective. He produced telephone bills which just had happened to arrive at about this time from the A.G.T. for long distance calls and other calls he had made while staying at the Regent Towers. His statement was he had stayed there

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A (cont.) rent free, he cheerfully admitted this, I shouldn't say cheerfully but quite readily admitted this. But, there was no other expenses and it was not an executive suite. He seemed to feel he had been followed by other detectives at other times which I denied any knowledge of, I only had the one and in all sir, it was a morning of that type and we went over this arrangement. He felt no animosity towards Mr. Hume or to the Edmonton Journal. I think perhaps this was not shared by some of the other Ministers but my relationship has been with Mr. Hooke and still remains fairly open. I might say we investigated him because of information given to him along the line sir I believe we would do with almost anybody in public office or even in private office if this was given to us and we felt it was significant.

Mr. Hooke has always been open to me as a reporter in the Legislature and since and I had no reason to question him any further on this. Other efforts we have made to find out different things have not shown anything further than this.

Q MR. CLEMENT: So there being nothing worthwhile you could see, there was no publication made?

A That is correct, sir.

Q Is there anything further that you have personal knowledge of Mr. Snaddon in this aspect of our Inquiry?

A I don't think so sir. After my meeting with Mr. Hooke I reported back to Mr. Dean and went on my own holidays that afternoon.

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Q Would you answer my friends please? Oh, perhaps sir before cross-examination starts, I should say that in my view the evidence that Mr. Snaddon has given here makes it unnecessary to put this document in evidence, this report.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Gill?

MR. GILL: Thank you.

MR. GILL EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q Mr. Snaddon, Mr. Clement has handed you from your records some green notes, may I have a quick look at them please?

MR. HURLBURT: Sir, I think I would rather have this dealt with in the open by the Commission. I would have a few words to say before they go in. I would prefer to have it dealt with that way.

MR. GILL: Well, as counsel Mr. Commissioner I would submit before there is any comment on them, as it has been tabled I should at least be given the opportunity to examine them.

MR. CLEMENT: I didn't table them, sir I put them --

THE COMMISSIONER: They weren't tabled, they were handed to Mr. Snaddon to assist him in refreshing his memory.

MR. CLEMENT: As to a date.

MR. GILL: May I look at them please Mr. Commissioner?

MR. CLEMENT: I think I will be producing them sir at the time I call Mr. Hume, that would be the appropriate time. Mr. Snaddon can speak to nothing --

THE COMMISSIONER: Are these notes made by Mr. Hume?

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MR. CLEMENT: By Mr. Hume.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I think we should leave them
until then.

Q MR. GILL: Mr. Snaddon you did read these notes
made by Mr. Hume at the time of July, 1964?

A Yes.

Q And part of your judgment was based on the contents of
these notes?

A Yes sir.

Q I submit Mr. Commissioner that in the circumstances, I don't
want to tender them but at least I have not seen before and
I would like to examine them. I take it they are not being
hidden?

MR. CLEMENT: You will be given every opportunity
to examine them when the person who made them is in the box
and that is the proper time. Otherwise --

MR. GILL: This witness is here and has used
his judgment on them. I am a little amazed at my learned
friend's attitude, I didn't know they were secret.

MR. CLEMENT: You will be cross-examining Mr.
Snaddon on something he knows nothing about except hearsay,
this is a fairly usual course I grant but I think we are
now in a critical area where I think it should be a little
more particular.

THE COMMISSIONER: I observed that these notes were
handed to Mr. Snaddon for the purpose of refreshing his
memory but I noticed he didn't refresh his memory on them,

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THE COMMISSIONER: (cont.) he just glanced at them and he didn't make the use of them for the purpose for which they were produced. Now, I don't think at this time that I am going to permit that document to go in and it will be tabled and if Mr. Hume can then produce them and identify them, then they will be put in as an Exhibit. Go ahead Mr. Gill.

MR. GILL: Well subject to your ruling Mr. Commissioner I reserve the right to recall Mr. Snaddon to cross-examine him on anything which I may read in those notes.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think that would be quite reasonable.

MR. GILL: Upon which he may or may not have based his judgment.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I think that is quite clear.

MR. GILL: I thought I might solve it by reading them now quickly but I will read them a little later.

Q MR. GILL: Mr. Snaddon, the decision to hire the private detective was made by you?

A Yes sir.

Q And when was that made?

A I believe sometime on the Wednesday.

Q The Wednesday being July 29th?

A Yes sir.

Q From information given to me you are correct that Mr. Hinman resigned on July 28th, 1964, is that your recollection?

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A That is my recollection.

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Q Which you have refreshed in preparation for this evidence?

A Yes.

Q And that was a Tuesday?

A Yes sir.

Q I see. Had the Edmonton Journal hired a private detective before in connection with Mr. Hooke?

A No sir, not to my knowledge.

Q Not to your knowledge?

A No sir.

Q Or after that date?

A No sir.

Q And the evidence with which Mr. Hume was armed for the meeting on July 30th, 1964, the evening, was obtained by telephone, with the detective reporting back to the Edmonton Journal from Victoria?

A No sir, Mr. Hume did not know about that conversation until later.

Q When did you have the chat with the private detective in Victoria?

A Somewhere late in the afternoon after Mr. Hume had departed for parts unknown for a meeting.

Q That would be afternoon of July 30th?

A That is right.

Q Before the meeting, though?

A Before the meeting.

Q With Mr. Hume and Mr. Hooke -- so the evidence that is -- if you can call it evidence -- the information contained in

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A. W. Snaddon - Gill Ex.

Q (Cont.) the letter that you received of August 22nd or so, from the B. C. Detective Agency in Vancouver, who had apparently hired an agent in Victoria, merely confirmed what you had already known on the afternoon of July 30th.

A Basically, yes.

Q Did you hire a detective by any chance in connection with affairs in Fort McMurray?

A No sir.

Q I see, and your conversation with Mr. Hooke was on the morning of July 31st, then, if I understand your evidence?

A Yes, on the Friday morning, July 31st.

Q And took some two and a half hours?

A Yes.

Q And you were on a first name basis with Mr. Hooke?

A Yes sir.

Q You referred to him as "Alf"?

A Yes, I do normally.

Q You covered the Legislature here for the Southam Newspapers and the Edmonton Journal, as a press gallery reporter, for how many years?

A For the Calgary Herald, Mr. Gill, for four years, and I have been in touch with it every year since then -- except for three years I was away on bureau work.

Q And if my memory serves me right, you were in the press gallery in Ottawa, weren't you?

A That is correct, sir.

Q And you were concerned that Mr. Hooke might be in a position

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A. W. Snaddon - Gill Ex.

Q (Cont.) to, as you say, "tell all"?

A I was hopeful -- I wasn't concerned, particularly -- I was doubtful, but I am always hopeful.

Q It wasn't you who let Gouzenko go by?

A No, thank heaven.

Q No; I don't think you would be Managing Editor today.

A The gentleman who did, isn't, sir.

(General laughter.)

Q That's just one less than God, isn't it? Mr. Dean, whom you mention, is the Publisher of the Edmonton Journal?

A Yes sir.

Q He was on holiday at the time this happened?

A That is correct, sir.

Q And you had heard rumors before July 28th when Mr. Hinman resigned of Mr. Hooke's involvement in various matters?

A I have heard -- yes sir, I have heard.

Q And therefore, your newspaper was interested to see if there was any foundation to this.

A Yes, sir, this applies to all members of the public service.

Q And the Hinman resignation triggered your curiosity, your journalistic curiosity?

A Yes, and created, of course, a good deal of public interest.

Q Did you, after your meeting with Mr. Hooke, have any discussion with the Attorney General or anyone from that Department?

A No sir, not in the immediate -- I have talked to Mr. Manning on other occasions and many times since.

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A. W. Snaddon - Gill Ex.

Q Did you talk with Mr. Manning about this incident of the Hume-Hooke confrontation?

A Yes, sometime that fall -- I have just forgotten the dates.

Q The Premier's attitude as Attorney General, did it concern itself with any licensing or difficulties that the Journal might find itself in?

A None whatsoever. There was no suggestion of that from the government or anyone else that I know of.

Q But at one time Mr. Manning had used the word "blackmail" to your publisher?

A Yes.

Q But not to you?

A Not to me. He still regarded the whole performance some months later as a very bad performance.

Q And blamed -- .

A Pardon?

Q And blamed the Journal for it?

A No, he seemed to blame a clique in general, and in spite of the fact that I argued with him about Mr. Hume at this point --- I might say if I may that Mr. Hume's conduct in this -- he made -- he had been working very difficult for three -- very hard for three days -- I have no reason to try and blame him for anything that happened. I think he is a first class reporter; he left us some six or eight months later due to Edmonton's weather, for Victoria; he has a standing offer to return to the Edmonton Journal any time he wants to. But I tried to put this to the Premier

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A. W. Snaddon - Gill Ex.

A (Cont.) that Mr. Hume -- the Premier felt so badly about the general attack -- he wasn't singling Hume out -- he seemed to feel and still seemed to feel at this date that this was in part an organized effort, and nothing I could say would convince him otherwise -- although he assumed that the Journal had nothing to do with it at the upper level.

Q Now, let's return to your meeting of July 31st, with Mr. Hooke. He broke down and cried how many times?

A I would say two or three times in the course of some two and a half hours.

Q And he told you he had been unwell?

A Yes sir.

Q And under nervous strain?

A Yes sir.

Q Did he mention that he had had either a heart attack or difficulties with his heart?

A Yes sir, he mentioned having some problem -- now, I'm not sure whether it was a heart attack but -- in Rocky Mountain House at some time -- again I can't remember the dates -- but he told me about being taken ill in Rocky Mountain House, which is his home constituency.

Q How long had he stayed, did he tell you, at Regent Towers in Victoria?

A My memory is that he had stayed there earlier than this, and I believe as a guest.

Q Earlier in the year 1964?

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A Earlier in the year, yes, and at this time about three weeks or a month in June -- I have just forgotten the date.

Q Did he mention how long he had stayed before at the Regent Towers?

A A matter of a couple of weeks, as I remember it.

Q Did he tell you that the Regent Towers was owned by anyone?

A Yes -- he mentioned -- well, he mentioned as I said previously, I think, I brought up the subject -- I mentioned Paris Investments, and this led to Dr. Allard, and the connection -- I can't just remember who brought it up first, but there was no problem -- I mean, we discussed his relationship with Dr. Allard, really, as the owner.

Q I see. Did he tell you he stayed at Regent Towers or other properties of Dr. Allard in other years?

A No sir.

Q Did he mention that he was in financial difficulties?

A Yes sir.

Q How did he discuss these?

A Well, we got into the fact that he had been in public life for many years, and I think this was in reference to his Ideal Homes --- which is an organization -- a group that he had -- .

Q We have heard of it.

A Yes, I gathered that you perhaps had, -- that because of the property involved in that, what capital he had had been somewhat tied up, and he had back interest to pay, and I can remember him stating that he paid "X" number of dollars

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A. W. Snaddon - Gill Ex.

A (Cont.) in interest to the bank every day of his working life, including Sunday.

Q What was the figure "X"?

A I can't remember the figure "X". It was a --- I couldn't even remember -- it took quite a chunk off his salary, which I suppose would be fifteen thousand a year.

Q He generated a fair amount of sympathy, then, in this interview?

A He did, yes.

Q You felt sorry for him?

A I did, yes.

Q And did he mention other business difficulties that he was in, apart from being a Cabinet Minister?

A No, he did mention the ponies which came up -- he had apparently decided to raise ponies and that didn't work very well, as I recall, but we didn't go into too much that I can remember.

Q His financial difficulties appeared to stem from his activities other than as a Cabinet Minister?

A Yes.

Q As an investor?

A Yes. We discussed that to the point where he pointed out that politics is not a very secure life -- I mean, you are guaranteed at most a five-year employment when you are elected.

Q But by that time he had been a member for twenty-nine years.

A Quite true, but he pointed out that in the -- in his years

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A. W. Snaddon - Gill Ex.

A (Cont.) he had attempted to set something aside for the day that he might be put out of office, because we are never too sure; I don't think it is really the experience of most politicians to be in office as long as the Social Credit Government has, and in this line we were discussing his involvement with other things, and he pointed out that he had investments -- he had never made any particular secret of them -- indeed, we knew about Ideal Homes: I suspect our file is probably as thick as yours.

Q Did he discuss the matter of investments around Fort McMurray?

A No.

Q Did he discuss any investments that he had jointly made with Dr. Allard?

A No sir. I had no reason to enquire about them either.

Q Did he discuss the matter of some \$1,500.00 being in England being used to purchase land many years ago?

A No sir.

Q I see. Did he discuss any matter of perhaps irregularities in foreign exchange?

A No sir.

Q What else was discussed that you can remember, bearing in mind it is some three years ago, Mr. Snaddon?

A Yes -- well, basically I think that was about it. He offered to show us his financial documents, and I believe I did see some of them at that time -- I can't recall -- with regard to Ideal Homes and -- .

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A. W. Snaddon - Gill Ex.

Q When you say "us", that is the Royal "Us"?

A I am using the editorial "us" -- me.

Q Did you make any notes or memoranda concerning this visit?

A No sir.

Q And you didn't go back and dictate or put something --- .

A No sir.

Q And nothing on tape?

A No sir, not that I know of.

Q And as a result of your meeting with Mr. Hooke you didn't publish anything?

A We didn't feel there was anything to justify publication.

Q This had nothing to do with the Premier's complaint to Mr. Dean?

A None whatsoever, sir. We had been threatened with other things before and that didn't stop us from publishing if we felt -- .

Q I have no doubt of that, Mr. Snaddon. Is there anything else that you can tell the Commission concerning that interview, or arising out of the interview with Mr. Hooke?

A I don't think so. My sympathy for him was because of his bad health; I had known him for a long time and I thought that maybe we had assisted in breaking his health a little bit the night before; nevertheless, I didn't go there with an apologetic -- or any idea of stalling him off or anything of that sort. I went to (a) apologize for what I thought we had done wrong, which we did normally, but also to follow the line of questioning, which I felt might be better if I

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A (Cont.) did it under the circumstances, and I was satisfied that what information we had was not at this point relevant to any reporting.

Q So whatever judgment you brought to the case was colored by two things: one, your sympathy for Mr. Hooke, and, two, the fact that initially went there to apologize.

A You mean with regard to that interview?

Q Yes.

A I suppose that is correct.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN EXAMINES WITNESS:

Q I may have missed some of your previous evidence, Mr. Snaddon, but what had the Journal done wrong in this case?

A We had conducted an interview with Mr. Hume acting for us, in which originally we had gone there to listen to Mr. Hooke talk -- he was supposed to be talking -- this is the information given to Mr. Hume to begin with; again, this is Mr. Hume's report of it, and which I accept -- when he got there Mr. Hooke apparently expected him to question him, and Mr. Hume questioned him and I felt that he should not have followed that particular line under the circumstances.

Q Did you think it was wrong for a reporter to question Mr. Hooke under these circumstances? Is that your idea?

A I felt that the atmosphere and the way it was set up indicated, to begin with, that we were involved in this -- which we weren't -- we went to listen -- and I felt that Mr. Hume did suggest to Mr. Hooke that we had information

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A. W. Snaddon - Bowen Ex.

A (Cont.) which would expose him, which we didn't have.

Q Well now, what was your concept of what this meeting was to be, before it took place? What information did you have as to where it was to take place and what was to be done, and so forth?

A Simply what Mr. Hume had told me on the telephone, that the information that he had been given was that Mr. Hooke would be at a place on the south side, which was not identified to him or to me, and that certain evidence and information would be given to him there.

Q This was all the information you had?

A I beg pardon?

Q This was the information you had then?

A This was the information we had then.

Q Well now, I think you told us that during that evening you were waiting for a call from Mr. Hume.

A Yes.

Q This is correct? And then you assembled your city editor, your news editor, and the editor of the Journal, and a reporter -- at the Journal Building I presume -- around ten o'clock that evening?

A Yes sir.

Q At that time did you have knowledge that this meeting had gone awry, shall we say?

A I had some indication that it had, yes.

Q Whom did you have that from?

A Well, I had Mr. Hume's report on what --- through the --

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A. W. Snaddon - Bowen Ex.

A (Cont.) I'm not sure if it was through Mr. Hume directly or the news editor --- they were together, anyway.

Q Did Mr. Hume tell you where the meeting took place?

A Yes, he did.

Q Where?

A I've forgotten the name of it now -- a motel belonging to Alderman Leger -- Ed Leger -- on the south side. I have forgotten the name of the place.

Q This is the famous meeting?

A This is the famous meeting.

Q Did you get the impression when you saw Mr. Hooke on Friday morning that he was endeavouring to enlist your sympathy by crying and by telling you of his troubles?

A No sir.

Q Have you ever had this experience before with a cabinet minister, telling you his personal affairs?

A I have talked to a good number of cabinet ministers, federal and otherwise, sir, and I have been out with a great number of them at different times -- I should hope I wouldn't be asked to say what they told me --- .

Q Oh, no.

A -- but I have had this experience.

Q You have had this experience. Did you get the impression that Mr. Hooke was trying to "con" you?

A In no way.

Q Absolutely none?

A Absolutely none.

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A. W. Snaddon - Bowen Ex.

Q I suppose the reason you went as editor was that Mr. Dean was out of town?

A No, he was in town, sir.

Q On holidays?

A On holidays, but he was at his home. He is one of those people with a swimming pool, sir, and stays at home.

Q A fortunate person --- he doesn't have to use the Regent Towers. I think you told us, sir, that you had a telephone conversation with your detective at the coast?

A Yes.

Q What did he tell you?

MR. G. A. C. STEER: Now, again, sir -- .

MR. BOWEN: It would appear, sir, that we are allowed to hear what Mr. Manning tells people and so forth, but I think -- .

THE COMMISSIONER: I think that this particular --- was this particular conversation prior to your going to see Mr. Hooke --- with your detective?

A Yes sir.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think it's relevant as to motive. I have made up my mind that the letter and report itself is not relevant, because nothing happened as a result of the letter; but I think the conversation that he had with the detective is relevant, as to motive, and you may proceed.

MR. BOWEN: Thank you, sir. Would you tell us what he told you, sir?

A Well, three and a half years ago, and I made no notes on it

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A. W. Snaddon - Bowen Ex.

A (Cont.) at the time -- I was disappointed -- or, not disappointed, but I felt that the result of the conversation indicated a very small room in an apartment tower, and this was really what I had been interested in, in the extent of this place.

Q Now, let's stop there a moment -- I don't want to interrupt you, but I think your evidence was earlier this morning that you had the concept previously that he was staying in a sumptuous suite in a luxury apartment.

A That's right.

Q So you were disappointed when you found he was staying in one little room?

A Well, as I say -- yes.

Q Well, why? What difference did it make?

A It was merely in terms of our feeling that this was -- if this had been some elaborate setup it might be rather more significant than in a small room somewhere.

Q Well now, you also obtained the information that he was staying there free, I gather?

A We weren't sure of that, no sir.

Q I see. Whether or not -- .

A It wasn't until Mr. Hooke told me that I knew that for sure.

Q But previously in your conversation with your detective at the coast, had he indicated that Mr. Hooke was staying there without charge?

A I don't recall that he had.

Q Mr. Snaddon, wasn't your whole purpose in following up this

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A. W. Snaddon - Bowen Ex.

Q (Cont.) Regent Towers residence to show that Mr. Hooke was obtaining favors from Dr. Allard? Was this not your purpose behind this?

A It was a purpose to see if he had, yes.

Q Now, again -- and I don't want to embarrass you, sir -- what difference did it make whether he was staying in a suite or a room, if he wasn't paying for it?

A Well, based on the conversation with Mr. Hooke, which indicated a long-time personal association, it seemed to me that for a newspaper to make a terrific row about this would be relatively either mud-slinging or trying to create something -- public reaction against some Minister, for very small reason. Had it been an executive suite and had there been no connection between Dr. Allard and Mr. Hooke on a personal basis, which I later understood to be the case, we would perhaps have taken a different view of it, but at the time -- the detective's evidence didn't give us very much -- certainly didn't alter the fact that it might be a favor, but on the other hand on the next day, having talked to Mr. Hooke, and placing it in relation to what I believed to be a personal friendship, it did not seem to me to be significant enough in itself to editorialize or conduct a great campaign on it.

Q Now, coming to this meeting again with Mr. Hooke, he told you that he hadn't paid for the suite -- for the housekeeping room; is this correct?

A Yes.

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A. W. Snaddon - Bowen Ex.
- Crawford Ex.

Q And did he give you any specific reason as to why he hadn't paid?

A Well, I think he suggested Dr. Allard had said to him, "Well, this place is half empty anyway; why don't you just stay there" -- as friends.

Q Did he indicate that he tried to pay Dr. Allard for the room?

A I can't recall that he had, no.

Q Can you recall exactly how many rooms he was staying in out there?

A Our information was one housekeeping room -- or unit.

Q One housekeeping room or unit?

A Well, one room with a kitchen is what I believe was our information.

Q So it was a two-room establishment?

A I really don't know what the -- this was described to me as a housekeeping unit -- a small housekeeping unit. I really don't know the layout of the place.

Q Thank you, sir.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Crawford?

MR. CRAWFORD EXAMINES WITNESS:

Q Mr. Snaddon, from what Mr. Hooke told you, how long had he and Dr. Allard been acquainted?

A This was 1964 -- in my memory it would be five or six years anyhow, or perhaps longer. I can't really place when Mrs. Hooke had the operation because I didn't really know -- I believe it was some years.

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A. W. Snaddon - Crawford Ex.

Q Did Mr. Hooke say to you on that occasion that that was the first time that he had met Dr. Allard -- or is that information that you read or have got since?

A I can't really recall whether he had met Allard before or even had dealings with him before, but his personal connection with Dr. Allard I recall him stating he came -- that's when the personal relationship began. Now, whether they had met and done business or anything else before, I don't know. This was relative to his staying in the apartment, and he was explaining that he was a personal friend of Dr. Allard's.

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A. W. Snaddon - Crawford Ex.
- Dowding Ex.

Q I think on two occasions this morning in your evidence you made reference to Mr. Hooke and Dr. Allard being "old friends"; you meant to imply nothing more than the five or six years of acquaintanceship, I gather?

A Yes, I didn't actually intend to imply any length of time. I just gathered that they were old friends and had been close friends for some time.

Q And "some time" didn't go back prior to the operation you told us about?

A No, no.

Q In any event he didn't say any particular time that the acquaintance had lasted besides this reference?

A Not that I can remember.

Q Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Dowding?

MR. DOWDING EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q Mr. Snaddon, at this particular time in 1964, which would be the springtime prior to the revelations of July, in that springtime period at Fort McMurray there was quite a bit of publicity, was there not, with respect to the New Town status that was planned?

A I seem to recall there was, although I can't remember the dates, I don't relate them, but I remember there was some.

Q Well, I take it that you would agree that the Council of the Town of Fort McMurray in March 1964 had prepared a plan and that on the 4th of May '64 they finally passed a development control bylaw; I am reading from Exhibit 335,

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A. W. Snaddon - Dowding Ex.

Q (Cont.) Mr. Commissioner.

MR. HURLBURT: Sir, I don't think Mr. Snaddon would dispute any statement of fact that Mr. Dowding has made.

Q MR. DOWDING: You were aware generally of that situation, were you not?

A Yes, I believe so, at that time.

Q And that the matter of Fort McMurray then would go to the Provincial Departments concerned under the Department of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Hooke?

A Yes.

Q And I take it the information you had been receiving was that Mr. Hooke had been staying at Mr. Allard's, at least at Mr. Allard's company's place in Victoria for some time, three weeks or so, that spring?

A I think we came across this ourselves, as a matter of fact, in May. I can't recall at this time now, it is conceivable that in the Fort McMurray area we may have been investigating, but if so I have forgotten.

Q Well, you were aware that Dr. Allard's companies were interested in the development of the New Town of Fort McMurray, you were aware of that?

A Yes.

Q And I take it that the reason you thought it somehow worthy of investigation by your newspaper was the fact that there was a connection between a Minister of Municipal Affairs and Dr. Allard to do with something that was happening between them in the way of Government business, wasn't that

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A. W. Snaddon - Dowding Ex.

Q (Cont.) your reason for investigating?

A Yes.

Q And it wouldn't matter, would it, whether Mr. Hooke stayed with Dr. Allard at his home or at some apartment his company owned free of charge as a friend unless there was an involvement between these two men for something that Dr. Allard wanted from the Minister, isn't that right?

A Not necessarily. You are suggesting, I think, that we could prove that because of their association there was some, something there, I mean any Minister knows other people, there are certain laws that restrict our comment in suggesting that such an association means something else; but if you are suggesting, sir, that our interest in this Minister or any other Minister and their connections is along the lines you suggest, yes, you are correct.

Q You see, Mr. Snaddon, I can't understand the interest you would have in where Mr. Hooke stayed or what benefits he received from any individual in the world unless they had some connection with Government business?

A Right.

Q And I take it that you were not interested in whether it was an executive suite or one room or two rooms or three rooms where the man was staying, unless it had in your mind some link with a favor being extended to a Cabinet Minister by Dr. Allard in return for favorable consideration in something that Dr. Allard was pressing upon the Government; surely that is what you were looking for?

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A. W. Snaddon - Dowding Ex.

A That would be what we would be looking for, yes.

Q But you didn't pursue your investigations of the real reason of your interest, you didn't pursue what was going on at Fort McMurray, I take it?

A I can't recall what investigations we did make at McMurray but I would have to refresh my mind on that by the stories filed, and so on; but I know we did take some interest in it at the time.

Q But you didn't pursue with Mr. Hooke what, if anything, Dr. Allard was getting in the way of benefits from the Government or to any of his companies from the Government?

A I can't recall that we did at that time.

Q You didn't ask him anything about it?

A I didn't ask him, no sir.

Q You just merely told him what you had received in the way of a report from a detective, asked him for a comment on it, is that right?

A Yes, and as to his relationship -

Q And he did not deny having received benefits from Dr. Allard?

A No sir.

Q And I take it that when Mr. O'Dwyer came to see your newspaper reporters and had a discussion with them prior to this time, his purpose expressed to you was to get exposure or public knowledge of this relationship?

A No, I don't believe it was this relationship. I must say I have never met, as I said, Mr. O'Dwyer.

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A. W. Snaddon - Dowding Ex.

Q You didn't talk to him?

A No, I didn't talk to him.

Q Well, then anything you say would be merely hearsay?

A That is correct.

Q But, at any rate, he came to a newspaper and was assigned a reporter or two to discuss with him something to do with Mr. Hooke, is that right?

A Yes, it was with Mr. Hooke, yes.

Q And was there not also, so far as you have learned through Mr. Hume, another reporter present at this interview with Mr. Hooke, in the same place or building, Mr. Grundberg?

A He was in the building but not present at the interview, as I understand it.

Q And was there another man who had been a reporter on another paper, Mr. Locke, I think his name is, present, so far as you know?

A Not as far as I know.

Q Now, at the time that your interview with Mr. Hooke took place, the events at Fort McMurray as to the, if there was any relationship between the Minister and Dr. Allard, that had not ripened at that time to any results at Fort McMurray, had it?

A I would have to take the, I have forgotten the exact dates of Fort McMurray now, but I would assume that is probably correct.

Q No further questions, thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER:

Mr. Steer?

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

MR. STEER EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q If I may, sir. Just to talk a bit about what Mr. Dowding was asking you, sir: he put to you that Allard's companies were in Fort McMurray; do you know whether there was one company of Dr. Allard's or two companies or ten?

A I certainly couldn't tell you.

Q You weren't endorsing that statement that the Allard companies were in there?

A No sir.

Q No, I suppose you had heard as Managing Editor that there was considerable interest in Fort McMurray and that Dr. Allard was in some way involved, is that right?

A That is correct.

Q Or doing business up there?

A Some of his people were there, yes.

Q And it was also suggested to you, sir, that because there was something going on in Fort McMurray, a reference was made to an Exhibit in this action, Exhibit 335, yes, I have it here; that Dr. Allard had to have something from Mr. Hooke to get along up in Fort McMurray: now, you weren't endorsing that as a statement, what Mr. Dowding put to you, were you?

A I have no knowledge of this.

Q You have no knowledge at all. Have you ever looked at this, this is Exhibit 335, it is called a Sessional Paper, is it?

MR. CLEMENT: Number 95 of 1965.

Q MR. STEER: Number 95, yes, you have never seen that,

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

Q (Cont.) have you?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q So that you don't know the information in it as to the setup in the Government with respect to how Fort McMurray was being handled, is that right?

A No sir.

Q So that it would be a fair statement to you then, sir, that you weren't in answering Mr. Dowding's questions endorsing any of the suggestions that he made to you that Dr. Allard was running to Mr. Hooke with respect to the Fort McMurray land, is that correct?

A No sir.

Q Thank you. Now -

MR. HURLBURT: Excuse me, I think that answer may be a little equivocal, I think you better rephrase it, Mr. Steer.

Q MR. STEER: You are not endorsing anything Mr. Dowding suggested to you about Mr. Hooke or Dr. Allard having to run to Mr. Hooke to get favors or rulings with respect to property in Fort McMurray, are you?

A I am in no position to endorse it.

Q Of course you are not. Now, who was Grundberg, he was a reporter, I gather, that is the first time I have heard his name, whose paper was he with?

A I believe he was with CFRN T.V.

Q Oh, and Mr. Locke?

A This one is a new one on me, although it may have figured in, but I have forgotten.

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

Q You say that if he was there you know nothing about it?

A He doesn't register with me at all.

Q Was he employed by your paper, sir?

A Oh, yes, now, do you know his first name?

Q No, I have no idea.

MR. GILL: Corbett Locke.

A I beg your pardon, my memory is -

Q MR. STEER: Yes?

A I didn't realize he was there, no, but he was a former employee of mine, I beg your pardon about that, because -

Q What happened to him?

A He left our employment by mutual, more or less agreement, some considerable time before.

Q I see, some considerable -

A Well, I say by mutual agreement, he was discharged.

Q Yes, that is what I was going to suggest?

A I hate to put it on the record about a man, but there you are.

Q And it was sometime before this interview of July 30th 1964, which occurred in the Southbend Motel?

A For a peculiar reason I happen to remember the date, I am not sure of the year, but it was Valentine's Day when I had the discussion with him.

Q The 14th -

A Rather ironic.

Q Now, how old was Mr. Hume at this time?

A That is a good question, I am not sure how old he is at the

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

A (Cont.) moment as a matter of fact; but I would guess him to be about forty at that time.

Q And had he been working for some time on, as a newspaper reporter?

A Yes, he had experience before he came to us and he was with us about, oh, a little over a year and a half at that point, and was regarded as a senior reporter.

Q I see, and you, at least I have concluded this from what you have told us today about the way things were set up for this interview, that your conclusion is, as to what Mr. Hume told you and what else you could find out about it, was that he had been trapped into going to this place under a false impression?

A Yes sir.

Q And when you found out what the circumstances were as to how they had managed to get Mr. Hooke to go to this place you were most disturbed?

A Yes sir.

Q And you had always found Mr. Hooke, as a Member of the Legislature and as a Cabinet Minister, quite prepared to talk to newspaper reporters about matters which they were entitled to talk to him about, is this correct?

A Very much so.

Q Including his personal affairs in the event that it was a matter of public interest that a reporter was entitled to ask him some questions about?

A Yes, I think this was the only time I really had a long

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

A (cont.) talk with him about his personal affairs, but I had known of them before.

Q Now, you had a call from Mr. Dean, the same night that this interview had occurred, I think the interview occurred in the late afternoon, I am not sure, is that your understanding?

A Yes, it was in the late afternoon.

Q And that evening reasonably late, ten thirty, eleven o'clock?

A Somewhere around there.

Q Mr. Dean had a call from the Premier?

A Yes.

Q And the Premier had then called you, I am sorry, Mr. Dean had then called you?

A That is correct.

Q And I think Mr. Gill asked you about the use of the term "blackmail", the word "blackmail" was mentioned, wasn't it?

A Yes sir.

Q By the Premier to Mr. -

A To Mr. Dean.

Q To Mr. Dean, and was it your understanding that what the Premier was saying was that he felt that these people had got Mr. Hooke over to the Southbend Motel and had in effect blackmailed him in an attempt to get information?

A This was the general impression I received, yes.

Q Right. Now, Mr. Hume, of course, made a report to you, a full and complete report of his interview with Mr. Hooke at

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

Q (Cont.) that time?

A Yes.

Q And then the next day, am I correct in understanding, that armed with that information you then went to Mr. Hooke for two purposes; one, to make an apology and to explain that the Journal had been led down the garden path, that is the first thing you wanted to do, wasn't it?

A Yes.

Q And, secondly, am I correct in understanding that you went there for the purpose of discussing with him these matters as a representative of the Journal?

A Yes sir.

Q And to make a report if that became necessary, in other words to write a story or have someone write a story when you told them the facts?

A Yes, there was no suggestion that anything we talked about would be off the record, or anything of that sort.

Q I would just like to come back to one thing: the word "clique" has been used by you, could you explain -

A I was quoting somebody else, sir.

Q Oh, who used the word "clique"?

A The Premier on several occasions.

Q To Mr. Dean?

A Well, and subsequently to me and I believe to other people, it had turned up elsewhere.

Q Do you know what he meant, I mean did you have any understanding of what he meant, would be a better way of putting

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

Q (Cont.) it?

A Well, as I understand it, he felt that there was a group who were out to smear some of his Ministers and in any way that they could do this, and this was the way they were operating. I gather that he had had some other brushes with them or had heard of them in other ways, and he felt that there was, in effect, a group of people who were trying to do this to damage the reputation of members of his Government.

Q And these were the people who had gotten Mr. Hume over to the Southbend Motel?

MR. HURLBURT: Sir, I think what Mr. Snaddon got from what Mr. Dean got from what Mr. Manning said to him or what Mr. Manning thought is getting a little bit too far removed.

THE COMMISSIONER: And I know what you said about hearsay.

MR. STEER: I hadn't realized we had got so far removed.

THE COMMISSIONER: You were carried away yourself with it.

MR. GILL: And not for the first time.

Q MR. STEER: Now, I wonder if we could come to your conversation with Mr. Hooke, Mr. Snaddon: there is not any doubt in your mind that Mr. Hooke had been suffering from some sort of a nervous condition?

A None at all.

Q And he told you in fact that he had collapsed at one stage out at Rocky Mountain House?

A As I recall the story, yes, he had taken ill down there;

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

A (Cont.) I don't know whether he had actually collapsed or not, but I remember we went into this.

Q And did he tell you that Dr. Allard was treating him?

A Yes sir.

Q So that there was a doctor-patient relationship between them with respect to this illness?

A Yes sir.

Q And that as part of his treatment with respect to this illness his doctor was urging on him that he should go away for a rest?

A Yes sir.

Q And this was the reason he was at the Regent?

A Yes sir.

Q And he also disclosed to you that Dr. Allard had also treated Mrs. Hooke?

A Yes sir.

Q For what you said was a serious operation, surgery?

A Surgery, as I understand it, sir.

Q And indicated that Dr. Allard had been to his house out in the southeast here?

A Yes.

Q Did you understand that the reason for being out there was, as it were, a house call to see Mrs. Hooke?

A That was my understanding, yes sir.

Q Quite. Now, there is also some talk about a pony, wasn't there?

A Yes sir.

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

Q And did he tell you that he had, and it would be I think after Dr. Allard had treated Mrs. Hooke, had given a pony to Dr. Allard's daughter?

A That was as I remember the story, yes sir.

Q And did he also tell you how well it had worked out, that the girl turned out to be a pretty decent horsewoman?

A Well, I read about her in the paper.

Q Yes?

A I have thought of that when I see the stories about her in the paper, yes.

Q It worked out rather well?

A Great things from little ponies grow.

Q You bet! And did he tell you anything else about his relationship or was it sort of a doctor and patient relationship, a relationship because he had treated his wife, and a relationship such as you and I might have if we keep meeting, that we would certainly talk to each other, and we might have a drink, and so on?

A Yes.

Q Is that the sort of relationship you understood?

A Yes, that's what I understood, and that there was no business connection.

Q Well, there might have been, there might have been even some business connection here or there?

A Yes, there was no Government concession.

Q No Government -

A I did raise that point.

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

Q Did you raise that point?

A Yes sir.

Q I see, what did you say?

A I think I pointed out to him that this relationship, and again I am going a long way back in memory -

Q Quite.

A This was a fairly long discussion. I pointed out to him that his connection with Dr. Allard who had businesses or a business, as it happened, Paris Investments, could be misconstrued, and he allowed as to how this might be, but he said that he had in no way ever done anything for Dr. Allard or any of his group in the House, or in the Legislature.

Q Now, Mr. Gill was suggesting to you, sir, that your judgment with respect to what you would do about Mr. Hume, the information Mr. Hume provided to you and the information that you obtained yourself was colored by two things, the first one I think was the nature in which Mr. Hume had obtained his information, and you were embarrassed by that?

A Slightly, yes.

Q Yes, and, two, sympathy for, sympathy for Mr. Hooke in that he had been put under considerable strain in that business over there in the Southbend Motel, and he wasn't well in any event, is that correct?

A Only in part. I sympathized with him as I would with anybody in that, but if there had been further information or I thought he was hiding something on me I am satisfied I

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A. W. Snaddon - Steer Ex.

A (Cont.) would have made every effort to follow it even further.

Q Quite, and this is just what I was going to suggest to you, sir, that you have never let your sympathy or any embarrassment make you suppress a story which in your view was in the public interest to print?

A I believe that that is correct.

Q Thank you very much.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Maynard?

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A. W. Snaddon - Maynard Ex.

MAYNARD EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q Mr. Snaddon, you interviewed both Mr. Hume and Mr. Hooke in connection with the incident at the Leger Motel, so you got the stories from the two main parties involved?

A Yes.

Q Could I ask you if there was any substantial variation in the information you obtained from both of them?

A No.

Q They pretty well confirmed each other?

A Pretty well, yes.

Q And in your discussion with Mr. Hooke did you advise Mr. Hooke what information you had received from Mr. Hume in the first instance?

A I beg your pardon?

Q In your discussion with Mr. Hooke, did you advise Mr. Hooke of the information you had received from Mr. Hume?

A As to why he was going?

Q No, before getting Mr. Hooke's story?

A Well --

Q Let me clarify my question; you received certain information from Mr. Hume, did you tell Mr. Hooke what information you received from Mr. Hume before you asked Mr. Hooke to relate his side of the story?

A I don't recall the exact sequence of events there, sir.

Q But the two stories came out pretty well?

A Pretty well, yes. I seem to recall Mr. Hooke explaining to me why he was there but I can't be absolutely sure of that.

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A. W. Snaddon - Maynard Ex.

Q Now I take it from your evidence Mr. Snaddon and I think this is common knowledge as well, that the Journal is not too interested in publishing unverified allegations or statements that cannot be substantiated?

A That is correct. Editorials are the exception of the rule although not completely.

Q Well, editorials are not necessarily news events but they are expressions of opinion?

A That is right.

Q And of course, the expression of opinion can be wrong in the editorial?

A That is conceivable, sir.

Q But insofar as the news aspect of the Journal is concerned, the Journal usually makes an attempt to verify these statements before they are published?

A Yes.

Q And I take it also that the Journal does on occasion receive a lot of information that is never published?

A A vast amount, sir.

Q Because on endeavouring to check on the information you can find no verification for the allegations or the information given?

A Or not sufficient to justify our publishing it.

Q But I think you indicated also you would pursue any line that might be in the public interest to see if you could get sufficient information to justify publication?

A If we felt there was anything, yes sir.

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A. W. Snaddon - Maynard Ex.

Q And that policy would be carried on in respect to Mr. Hooke or any Minister of the Government?

A Yes sir.

Q Even the Premier?

A Yes sir.

Q So that you would not be led astray by sympathy or by fear for the publication of any information you might receive?

A No sir.

Q My friend Mr. Dowding referred to Mr. Grundberg and Mr. Locke and I think you indicated Mr. Grundberg was a reporter with C.F.R.N.?

A I believe he was.

Q Did you know him at that time when he was a reporter?

A I can't say that I did, I may have met him.

Q You knew of him?

A I knew the name, yes.

Q And do you recall when Locke was dismissed from the services of the Journal?

A As I say, I think it must have been Valentine's Day '64 but I am not absolutely sure of that. He came to us from Carleton, I think he was only with us a year, I would have to check back on that, as I say I have completely forgotten about him although it comes back to me now but as to dates I would have to check back.

Q And do you know where he went to after he left your employ?

A I heard various reports, people asking me for references in

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A. W. Snaddon - Maynard Ex.

A (cont.) Toronto and Calgary, that come to mind. I can't recall where else he went. I didn't follow him too closely.

Q I am going to drop Locke for a moment and will come back to him; when you receive allegations concerning Ministers you always follow allegations with the Ministers personally or do you do it through some other means?

A It would depend Mr. Maynard how it developed. We would want to get certain information and there is no point going confronting somebody unless they had certain information which made it worthwhile.

Q Right?

A We endeavour to go as far as we can and almost inevitably we would then approach the person and, it is standard newspaper practice and ask for their comment on it.

Q Yes, with the result that many allegations that have been made to you or a lot or a great deal of the information you would receive would never be discussed with any Minister at all?

A That is true.

Q Coming back to Mr. Locke; do you remember receiving a phone call from a newspaper in Toronto concerning some allegation involving the Premier of this Province?

A I never received it, Mr. MacDougall who was the editor I believe did, I was on holiday and there were various inquiries as a matter of fact. As a matter of fact I may have had one from the Globe and Mail myself. Quite a few

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A. W. Snaddon - Maynard Ex.
- Hurlburt Ex.

A (cont.) people called at this time.

Q I am referring to one specific call where our friend Locke was involved?

A I have no knowledge of that, sir.

Q From your discussions with Mr. MacDougall would you have knowledge of it?

A Yes but I think it would be fairly vague.

Q The information or the request from the Toronto paper had to do with certain allegations concerning the Premier in Ottawa?

A No sir, I have no knowledge of that.

Q No knowledge of that?

A None whatsoever.

Q So Mr. MacDougall would have to be the man who would give us some information on this?

A And I am almost certain that he wouldn't be able to either, sir because I can't recall that, I am sure he would have mentioned it to me sometime but --

Q This was one of these allegations that was made and never followed up because there was no substance to it?

A I would think so.

MR. HURLBURT: If it were made.

A If it were made, yes.

Q MR. MAYNARD: If it were made, yes. Fine, thank you, that is all Mr. Snaddon.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Hurlburt?

MR. HURLBURT EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

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A. W. Snaddon - Hurlburt Ex.

Q I will be very brief sir. Mr. Snaddon with regard to the meeting that we have sort of touched upon with Mr. Hooke, what was the Journal's function or part, was it provoking a situation or was it going to listen to a situation, on Mr. Hume's part I should say?

A Originally the Journal's position was and certainly -- yes, the position of the Journal was to go and listen.

Q Secondly, we have heard a great deal about Mr. Manning's phone call, would you think that bearing in mind the situation as it then stood that it was what you might expect from a gentleman who had heard a fairly emotional account of an unfortunate situation?

A I would think that would be.

Q And why did the Journal not publish anything about Mr. Hooke at this time, in this aspect?

A In our opinion, there was nothing to justify its publication on the grounds that there was no suggestion that he had done any favours for anybody else or no proof, as far as we were concerned, that he had done anything particularly for anybody else. For us to suggest that he had I think would have been considered libelous and we had no proof he had done anything wrong.

Q Does it boil down to the fact there was nothing to print?

A No news.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Clement?

MR. CLEMENT: No questions sir.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you Mr. Snaddon.

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A. W. Snaddon - Hurlburt Ex.

MR. CLEMENT: Thank you Mr. Snaddon.

MR. GILL: You will recall Mr. Commissioner that I made an application which I believe you granted that once I am permitted to see these green sheets I may have to recall Mr. Snaddon?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Snaddon will be free to leave? Unless he is required back.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, you are excused Mr. Snaddon unless we wish to recall you at some future time.

(Witness retires.)

MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Commissioner may I deal briefly with this tape now. It has been stated to me that it is unintelligible and if counsel would like to satisfy themselves that that is so we have a machine here on which it can be listened to. If that should prove wrong, if there is something intelligible comes out of it and counsel wishes to address you as to whether it should be put in evidence --

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, well I think perhaps counsel can hear the tape run off when we are adjourned sometime and then they can decide whether they consider it worth it, surveying it as evidence.

MR. CLEMENT: Perhaps we might ascertain whether anybody does want it played?

MR. GILL: I am always interested in anything of that nature, sir.

MR. MAYNARD: Mr. Commissioner, I just question the

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James Hume - Clement Ex.

MR. MAYNARD: (cont.) admissibility of the tape in any event. Maybe the document itself, but the tape --

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I just thought in some adjournment if counsel want to hear it and see whether it is worth making any argument about it at all then we can deal with it at that time.

MR. GILL: You never know where you will find things Mr. Maynard.

MR. MAYNARD: I have seen a lot of fishing going on.

MR. CLEMENT: I will call Mr. Hume.

JAMES HUME, sworn, examined by Mr. Clement:

Q Mr. Hume, you are a newspaper reporter?

A I am.

Q Presently with the Victoria Times at Victoria, British Columbia?

A That's correct.

Q In 1964 were you a news reporter for the Edmonton Journal living in Edmonton?

A Yes I was.

Q And in particular, in July of that month?

A Yes I was.

Q July of that year. You have been described by Mr. Snaddon as the senior Legislative reporter of the Journal at that time?

A That is correct.

Q And that was your position?

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James Hume - Clement Ex.

A Yes.

Q Now Mr. Snaddon said that you were assigned to an investigation with respect to the affairs of Mr. Hooke who was then Minister of Municipal Affairs?

A That is correct.

Q How did that assignment come about in your recollection?

A It came about over a process, over a period of time in that all Government members you might say are always under investigation. Then we had the affair of the resignation of Mr. Hinman.

Q Just pause and let us consider what you have said for a moment Mr. Hume. Was there any particular direction that had been given to you in respect of Mr. Hooke up to this time of Hinman's resignation?

A No.

Q Just a general assignment? Just to see what you could turn up?

A Correct.

Q That was about it?

A Mr. Hooke wasn't mentioned specifically in the period prior to Mr. Hinman's resignation but, certain information was coming to us in the form of suggestions and allegations.

Q Yes. Well now, just so that I can be clear, in your general instructions as to duties from the Edmonton Journal, Mr. Hooke hadn't been mentioned any more than any other particular person, is that what you mean?

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A This is correct.

Q But in this interval before Mr. Hinman's resignation you had in fact received some rumors or gossip or reports of one sort and another about Mr. Hooke?

A Yes, the first time that Mr. Hooke came into the foreground, as it were --

Q Yes?

A -- was when I phoned his office one day on a routine check and was informed that Mr. Hooke was out of the City in Victoria. A little subsequent checking revealed that he was at Regent Towers, then came the association with Paris Investments and that was the starting point.

Q If you don't mind giving us the time sequence as closely as you can Mr. Hume, this is the first occasion in which your attention was directed particularly to Mr. Hooke in the way of an inquiry as to his activities. About when was that?

A I would have to be quite vague on it, it would be two or three weeks prior to the resignation of Mr. Hinman.

Q Yes, all right, and had any further information about Mr. Hooke reached you up until the time of Mr. Hinman's resignation?

A No.

Q Did you do anything in particular about that piece of information that you got some three weeks earlier?

A Only by over quite a period of time checking the files in the Companies Branch to see at this time what associations Paris Investments had, Dr. Allard and other allied companies.

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Q Well, through you as I understand it, through you the Journal engaged a private investigator to inquire into this very matter of Mr. Hooke staying at Regent Towers, I guess it was, in Victoria?

A That is correct.

Q You engaged the investigator did you, yourself?

A No, on Mr. Snaddon's instructions I actually placed the phone call to the investigator.

Q Yes?

A But it was a direct request from Mr. Snaddon.

Q And that had been done when in relation to Mr. Hinman's resignation?

A I think this was done immediately following Mr. Hinman's resignation.

Q I see, yes, so while you had this information and were making checks at the Companies Branch, up to the time of Mr. Hinman's resignation you hadn't actually made an investigation as to whether it was so or not that he was staying there?

A No, it was one of those things that you sort of nibble away at actually for a few days.

Q Very well, then tell us what happened following Mr. Hinman's resignation?

A Well, following Mr. Hinman's resignation the position of Mr. Hooke became of keener interest to us and with the information we already had we felt that we were now at the stage to concentrate a little more on it although still at

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A (cont.) the time Mr. Hinman's resignation was the main stream story that we were working on.

Q Yes, well I just lost you there Mr. Hume. Why was it that you felt impelled to give Mr. Hooke more attention, because of Mr. Hinman's resignation?

A At the time of Mr. Hinman's resignation the only facts that we were given, the only reasons that we were given were that there had been a conflict of interest. We had never known what that was and so now we were reaching out in any direction to try and find that out via Court records and via anyone else who would talk to us.

Q I see, so your inquiry, you made it as broad as you could?

A Yes.

Q And that would involve Mr. Hooke in the broadened scope of your inquiry?

A Well it did, but whether --

Q Well, I don't want to waste too much time on that, in any event, you did become more interested in Mr. Hooke's affairs, is that correct?

A I think it would be more accurate to say at that point we had become keenly interested in Cabinet affairs.

Q Very well, and what happened then?

A And it was during this period that I received a phone call from Mr. O'Dwyer who made certain allegations against Mr. Hooke specifically and made references to some, what he termed, pay off cheques which were in his possession and which he could show to us at any time.

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Q I would like to keep the time sequence as close as I can Mr. Hume. In point of fact you did make a Memorandum of what occurred at the crucial time, the matters leading up to the meeting at the South Bend Motors, you made a memorandum of that a day or so later did you not?

A The following day, yes.

Q The following day and do you require that to refresh your memory?

A I would appreciate it.

Q Yes. This is the document sir, it is dated Friday, 31st of July, 1964. Do you recognize this document Mr. Hume?

A Yes I do.

Q Is that your signature?

A Yes it is.

MR. HURLBURT: Sir, at this point there is something I would like to say about this document, I am not strictly speaking, raising an objection or even making a submission but, I think it is my duty to point out to you sir that there is contained in that memorandum some material communicated or some statements, you can't really call them allegations because they are so vague, communicated to Mr. Hume by a couple of gentlemen concerning another gentleman and once this goes on to the public record these statements are made, their reason or, it will also appear from the memorandum, when evidence of these allegations was asked for, that evidence was not produced and I really should point out, I think, in all fairness, that merely putting this on

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MR. HURLBURT: (cont.) the public record is likely to give publicity to these allegations and it gives an opportunity for those who like scurrility. The Journal is distressed if because it listened to these things they become a part of the public record. This is really all I have to say. Again if Your Lordship directs, the document is here.

MR. GILL: My Lord, I just consulted briefly with Mr. Dowding but I may be able to help Mr. Hurlburt. I put this as a suggestion and it has not been carefully considered. If Mr. Hume refreshes his memory from the document in front of him, if all counsel are given an opportunity to look at copies which Mr. Hurlburt has very carefully made available, and none of us, including Mr. Maynard have seen them yet but, if we can examine them say at the adjournment now and then I think as counsel, everyone here would be prepared to give you an undertaking, now, I am only speaking for myself, you will have to ask the others, that we wouldn't examine on anything except the matter of Hooke and Hume and that relevancy. If there are other allegations, I for one am not interested in them, but I do want to look at the document and, I will tell you sir I will keep my cross-examination to the matters that I feel are in issue here.

Would that solve the problem Mr. Hurlburt?

MR. HURLBURT: Well, I think probably it will go a long way towards it. I should point out that a great deal of the memorandum does relate to this meeting we are

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MR. HURLBURT: (cont.) talking about. It is just these
extraneous matters.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Steer?

MR. G.A.C. STEER: I would certainly give an undertaking
that I would not raise anything except what relates to the
South Bend Motel. I would say however that I would want to
go perhaps a little further than my friend Mr. Gill in that
I will want to know who else was there besides Mr. Hume
but certainly with respect to Mr. Hurlburt's problem, he has
my undertaking that I will never disclose anything I see.

THE COMMISSIONER: Any other counsel any --

MR. BOWEN: My problem is My Lord that Mr.
Hurlburt has mentioned allegations against a gentleman.
I don't know whether it is Mr. Hooke, Mr. Hinman, who it is.
I can't give any undertaking under those circumstances.

MR. CLEMENT: Sir, I really think that counsel here
are expressing themselves in terms of good will and perhaps
it should be taken in that way. Mr. Hume has stated that it
would assist him to refresh his memory by referring to that
document. Under the ordinary rules then, if I give it to
him for him to refresh his memory from, counsel is entitled
to cross-examine on it. I think that is inevitable under
the Rules of Evidence sir and I think the good will and
expressions from counsel here should be sufficient for Mr.
Hurlburt's purposes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. I would like to caution counsel
by pointing out that I am very, very anxious to avoid this

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THE COMMISSIONER: (cont.) Inquiry being used as a forum in any way to besmirch the reputation of any person who is not immediately connected with it. That would be most unfortunate and therefore I would like to ask counsel to bear that in mind and to refrain from reference to other persons that are not in any way connected with this Inquiry and then, if we proceed on that basis I think we shouldn't have any difficulty.

MR. HURLBURT: I am sorry sir, the allegation is about a person connected with the Inquiry. My only concern is that it is unsupported in its present form.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, well, I will ask counsel to exercise discretion on that and then perhaps when we come to it just avoid plunging into something that may do damage before we have had a chance to weigh it.

MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Commissioner as I understand my friend's fear is this; Mr. Hume recorded assertions, allegations, gossip, rumor or however you want to classify it which has already been adverted to. He recorded this and in effect told those people who were making such allegations to put up or shut up. So, that in the end result they didn't put up and Mr. Hurlburt is anxious that no smear be drawn into this case because of allegations, whoever made them, weren't prepared to substantiate them.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well yes, I think I can rely on counsels' good faith in handling the matter, I mean, let us confine ourselves to the issues here and not raise other

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THE COMMISSIONER: (cont.) matters that are only going to be harmful and don't go to the meat of what we are considering. I will just leave it on that basis and rely on counsels' good judgment we will adjourn then for a few minutes.

(The Hearing stood adjourned at
11.17 A.M. and resumed at
11.30 A.M.)

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MR. CLEMENT:

Mr. Commissioner, I understand there is -- there'll be no application to have this tape recording put in evidence, so I will return it to Mr. Hurlburt.

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MR. CLEMENT:

Now, Mr. Hume, you have before you a copy of the memorandum you prepared on July 31st, which I believe you told me -- July 31st, 1964, which I believe you told me was the day after the events happened which are recorded in this document.

A

That is true, the morning following.

Q

Yes. Then, with the assistance of those notes, sir, would you inform the inquiry as to what happened on that day, in which there was a meeting on the south side in the South Bend Motel?

A

Do you wish me to start on the day of the meeting?

Q

Well, as I recall your memorandum, it records some information which you had received, but which did not become substantiated in the course of time.

A

This is correct.

Q

I will leave that out, and would you proceed with what you saw, heard and observed?

A

It was at -- around eleven-thirty on the Wednesday morning that I was in the Liberal Party Headquarters when a phone call was received, and although I didn't engage in that particular phone conversation, I was informed that it was Mr. O'Dwyer, and he wished to see me, because he had some information.

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Yes, and this Wednesday morning you speak of would be the

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Q (Cont.) 29th of July, 1964?

A That is correct.

Q And do I understand that you were at the Liberal Party Headquarters on routine business?

A Yes.

Q Proceed, then, please.

A I eventually met Mr. O'Dwyer for lunch at the Greenbrier. Morley Grundberg, who was then a television station reporter, was present for this meeting; and Mr. O'Dwyer went into quite a rambling discourse with a multitude of charges against just about everyone in government, but in particular against Mr. Hooke; and he stated at that time that the other people -- that he and other people whom he didn't name --- .

Q Well, now, sir, there again -- if you will just excuse me a moment -- Mr. Commissioner, I have some doubts that hearsay ought to be countenanced when we are getting into an area of this sort. What we are trying to do in this inquiry is find out the truth, as it actually is, and I am by no means certain that that inquiry is advanced by rambling -- by what amounts to hearsay, sir.

THE COMMISSIONER: Go ahead and say what you did as a result of what you heard from Mr. O'Dwyer.

A Maybe I could phrase it a different way: Mr. O'Dwyer made many charges, some of them involving Mr. Hooke, and also stated very positively that he had so much evidence in his possession that by a mere snap of the fingers Mr. Hooke

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A (Cont.) would come running at his call and confess all; and at this point I suggested that if this were indeed so, that Mr. O'Dwyer demonstrate this to me. I stated to him at the time that I was getting a little tired of the unfounded allegations. He then said that he would make a phone call to see if this could be arranged for me. He left the room, came back and stated that the arrangements had been made, and that some time that afternoon -- as it turned out around three o'clock that afternoon -- he would produce Mr. Hooke, who would want to talk to me and tell me of many of the events that had gone on in the Social Credit Party since Mr. Hooke was elected, the ramifications behind the resignation of Mr. Hinman, and would also reveal to me many other Cabinet secrets.

I was highly skeptical of this, considering the source, but after consultation with my office it was decided that I would go with Mr. O'Dwyer that afternoon to this, as then, secret destination to meet this, as then, mysterious person who, with Mr. O'Dwyer, would then produce Mr. Hooke out of a hat.

As it turned out, we were taken to the South Bend Motel where we were introduced to Mr. Leger. Mr. Grundberg was with me at this point.

Q All right.

A We sat in the kitchen for a while drinking coffee and discussing politics in general -- .

Q This was Mr. Leger's -- .

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A Mr. Leger's -- .

Q --place of abode as well as being the South Bend Motel?

A This is true. There were four people present: Mr. Leger, Mr. O'Dwyer, Mr. Grundberg and myself. The topic eventually came around to Mr. Hooke, with myself expressing at this point some impatience that these claims were being constantly repeated but no Mr. Hooke was produced. During this conversation, too, reference was made to one of the documents Mr. Leger held, which was described as a cheque made out in Mr. Hooke's favor for \$25,000.00. I asked if I could see the cheque and Mr. Leger replied that "the time isn't ripe for this yet".

Q Mr. Hume, was this a cheque, in your understanding of that conversation -- was the cheque one which was to be given to Mr. Hooke or one which he had cashed?

A It was a cancelled cheque, so described by Mr. Leger.

Q And did Mr. Leger indicate who drew the cheque?

A No. This question was asked by me and he declined to answer. He also declined to produce the cheque; so then I said, "Well, if you can produce Mr. Hooke, will you please do it, or we may as well all go on our way." He then left the room to make a phone call -- .

Q This is Mr. Leger?

A Mr. Leger then left the kitchen, went into another room, ostensibly to make a phone call to Mr. Hooke to request his presence summarily at the South Bend Motel.

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A (Cont.) said he had been unable to reach Mr. Hooke but had left the message for him to return the call to the motel. A few minutes following this he left the room again to answer a phone call and returned and said, "Mr. Hooke is on his way; he will be here in a few minutes."

This rather surprised me.

He then requested Mr. O'Dwyer to move his car from the front of the motel because he said that he felt Mr. Hooke wouldn't come into the motel if he saw Mr. O'Dwyer's car there. Mr. O'Dwyer left and presumably moved the car, and shortly after this I heard the voice of Mr. Hooke in another room. I didn't see him at this point but I knew him quite well and recognized his voice. There was a brief conversation which I couldn't hear, and about five minutes later Mr. Leger returned to the kitchen and said, "Mr. Hooke will see you now."

Q Now, at this point, Mr. Hume, what were you expecting?

A I was expecting -- an apparent contradiction of itself -- I was expecting everything and nothing.

Q Well, I understand you were skeptical that anything would be produced, but what had you been led to expect would occur, then?

A I had been led to expect that Mr. Hooke was on his way to reveal, (a) the details of the Hinman resignation; the details of his past business affairs which had been surrounded by rumors for some time; and also other details from Cabinet Ministers, involving other Cabinet Ministers.

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Q And you were led to expect this from Mr. O'Dwyer?

A And from Mr. Leger.

Q And from Mr. Leger. Go ahead.

A When Mr. Leger said that Mr. Hooke was ready to talk I got up, all three, Mr. Grundberg, Mr. O'Dwyer and myself, got up to follow Mr. Leger; and Mr. Leger then announced that Mr. Hooke would only talk to Jim Hume of the Journal, and so I followed Mr. Leger down a set of basement steps into a small rumpus room, and there Mr. Hooke and myself greeted each other with our first names and we shook hands, and I sat down, as did Mr. Hooke, facing each other, and for a while there was no conversation at all. I was waiting for Mr. Hooke to make the startling revelations and Mr. Hooke was obviously waiting for me to start asking some questions.

Eventually the conversation started with me asking Mr. Hooke what he could tell me.

I wonder if I could refer to my original notes?

Q Yes, here are the originals, Mr. Hume.

A I can follow this.

Q If you take this. I thought by "original", you meant this bundle.

A No.

My opening question was, to Mr. Hooke was "I understand you have something to tell me about the activities of other Cabinet Ministers?" and Mr. Leger, speaking for the first and only time during this basement conversation,

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A (Cont.) interrupted to say "I didn't say he would, I said maybe he could.". This was the first subtle change in the attitude of Mr. Leger and Mr. O'Dwyer, and maybe I should have challenged it at the time, but I didn't.

I went over the question again along the general lines of "Well, could you tell me anything about the Cabinet and its general activities?", and Mr. Hooke said that he would tell me anything he knew, and said that if he could help me in any way he would, but was again obviously leaving it for me to ask the questions.

We started off then on the reasons for Mr. Hinman's dismissal which still at this time were unknown to us other than the general statement on the conflict of interest, and his reply was that no one was more surprised than himself when he heard about the resignation for the first time at a Cabinet meeting on the Tuesday afternoon, and he had spent a little time explaining that, while it might appear unusual, but Cabinet Ministers really didn't know too much about what was going on in each other's Department and what was happening in those other departments.

We then went on to general questions, general questioning based on information I had already gathered myself on Paris Investments, the Regent Towers and the stay in Victoria.

Q That is the searches that you have described?

A That is correct.

Q And did you at that moment have word back from the

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Q (Cont.) investigation that had gone on at the Coast?

A No, to get that in sequence, this was happening while I was with Mr. Hooke.

Q Exactly, as has already been put on record.

A I had no knowledge of that at all.

But I started out with the general questions, I asked Mr. Hooke who his doctor was, he told me quite openly Dr. Allard. I asked him if he knew that Dr. Allard was the President of Paris Investments, and again quite openly he said he did.

I then asked him if he had ever stayed at the Regent Towers on Michigan Street in Victoria. He said that he had, but as the guest, and he stressed this very clearly, as the guest of his physician, Dr. Allard, not as the guest of Paris Investments.

I then asked him if he didn't think that this was possibly a strange action for a Cabinet Minister or a little unethical for a Minister of the Crown to be staying in what I would call the executive suite of a company having quite heavy investments and land interests in the Province, and negotiating from time to time with the Government; and Mr. Hooke said that he could understand my attitude but that he had never felt that there was anything wrong with it, and he still didn't see anything wrong with staying as his personal physician's guest from time to time.

I then asked him how much his visits to Regent Towers, my information led me to believe he had been there on two

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A (Cont.) occasions, separate occasions; I asked him how much these stays had cost him, and he told me it had cost him nothing, that all he had paid was the telephone bill.

Q Mr. Hume, you used apparently to him the phrase "executive suite"?

A Yes, I did, that was my phrase.

Q And what phrase did he use?

A I don't, I don't recall him using any phrase at all.

Q Did he describe what, the accommodation he was occupying?

A No, to me he didn't; he just let this pass, didn't comment on it either way.

Q I see.

A So he told me that he was a guest there of Dr. Allard's and that he didn't pay anything for this suite except the phone bill; and then I said "Well, do you think that this could possibly constitute a bribe or a favor? Do you feel that it looks suspicious?", and he said definitely not, he had never thought of it that way, and he still didn't think of it that way.

I stayed with this line of questioning and then asked him if he didn't think it was strange that he should be the guest of this particular man who a year prior to this had borrowed through Paris Investments one and a half million dollars from the Treasury Branch, and shortly afterwards, according to our information, had started to purchase land in Fort McMurray for development: and Mr. Hooke again replied that he didn't think it particularly strange, and

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A (Cont.) that none of the companies involved did business with his particular Department. He also said at that time that he had no knowledge of the one and a half million dollar loan being granted to Paris Investments.

At about this stage in the questioning Mr. Hooke became quite nervous and agitated. He, I thought at the time that this was possibly because we were sort of getting close to something; and in his agitation he looked at me and said "I thought you were a friend of mine and I have always looked, regarded you as a friend."; and I told him that I regarded myself as a friend of his. And he then asked me if I was trying to get him kicked out of the Government, and I answered that this was not my particular interest, but we were trying to ascertain the truth regarding the Hinman resignation and regarding some of the rumors which had and were surrounding him. It was at this point that I said to Mr. Hooke that we didn't appear to be getting too far and "I guess we would have to go with what we had on record at that point."

Q And what did he reply to that?

A He asked me at that time, he said "Well, just what do you mean, what do you have?"; and so I reviewed again the relationship with Paris Investments, Dr. Allard, a recap of what we had already gone over. In other words, I said to him "Well, this is all we have."

It was shortly after this that the conversation came to an end and I said that I now think, and in much harsher

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A (Cont.) tones than I should have, much harsher tones than were required "Well, we don't appear to be getting anywhere.", and I told Mr. Hooke that I had expected a great deal more from him, and that he was making my job very hard; and suggested that we leave the whole thing in abeyance for forty-eight hours when we expected to have received some written reports from Victoria; and I told him that in two days I would contact him again to see if he had anything further to say or if he reconsidered any of the statements that he had made.

Mr. Hooke finished the conversation by saying he was sorry he couldn't help me, and we left each other that evening on quite a friendly basis.

Q Could I just take you back for a moment, Mr. Hume: did you refer to the name, did you raise the name of Mr. Ambrose Holowach during this conversation?

A Yes, I did, quite early in the conversation.

Q Yes, I don't think you had mentioned that. His was a name that you raised in asking questions, did you?

A Yes, Mr. Holowach was also being surrounded by rumor and allegations at the time. The charge against Mr. Holowach was that -

Q Now, Mr. Hume, we have enough on our hands.

A The rumors -

Q Yes?

A The rumors directed towards Mr. Holowach were that -

Q I don't think we are interested in that, thank you, sir.

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Q (Cont.) I merely asked you what your inquiries were but we are not inquiring into anything involving Mr. Holowach.

A I asked Mr. Hooke if he could confirm some information which had been given to me concerning Mr. Holowach, and he said no, he had no knowledge of what I was talking, and therefore, couldn't help me in any way.

Q Then you have taken us then to the closing of that meeting; the conversation ended, what happened from that point on?

A Mr. Hooke remained in the basement for a few minutes with Mr. Leger. I had -

Q It is clear that during the whole of this conversation down in the basement there was only present you, Mr. Hooke and Mr. Leger?

A That is true.

Q Yes, so then you left?

A Yes, I returned to the kitchen. Mr. Leger remained in the basement with Mr. Hooke for a few minutes, and then he too came back to the kitchen; and it was at this point that I expressed my disappointment in both Mr. Leger and Mr. O'Dwyer in that they had failed to make good the, their statements of earlier in that evening; and Mr. Leger said "Well, he will only talk to someone he really knows and trusts, and you shook him pretty badly. He told me something after you left that is really bad.". This is Mr. Leger talking to me.

Q Now, I think I must have just missed you there for a moment; had Mr. Hooke already left the building?

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A At this point, yes.

Q Yes, all right?

A And Mr. Leger made this statement after Mr. Hooke had left and when he was back in the kitchen with us.

Q Yes?

A And he said that Mr. Hooke had made a statement after I left which was really bad, and it seemed to me at that point we had come full circle.

Q Mr. Leger wouldn't say what it was?

A No, Mr. Leger wouldn't tell me what the statement was. He then went on to say "It's pretty hard with Mr. Hooke because he always breaks down and cries."; and I pointed out that he hadn't cried during my conversation with him, and Mr. Leger said that after I left, Mr. Hooke had broken down and cried; and at this point I asked Mr. Leger -

Q Just a moment, let's examine that observation of Mr. Leger's: you had been with Mr. Hooke for about how long, roughly speaking?

A I would say about half an hour.

Q In all?

A About thirty minutes, yes.

Q Yes, and from what you have said you were trying to bore in a bit?

A This is true.

Q Yes, but he didn't cry or break down during that period of questioning?

A No, he did not.

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Q And then when you left Mr. Leger comes up and reports -

A Yes, he remained for a few minutes with Mr. Hooke, and he then reported that great statements had been made after I left and that Mr. Hooke had cried after I left.

Q Go ahead?

A Well, we were just about at the end of the evening then, and so I finished up by repeating my original question, I said "Well, now we have gone through all this could I now before I leave see this famous twenty-five thousand dollar cheque?"; and Mr. Leger gave me a blunt no, the time just still wasn't ripe.

Q Yes?

A And at that point -

Q Did he indicate what the circumstances would be that would make it ripe for the production of this cheque?

A No, when he was questioned on this he was always very vague. Apparently it would be of his own choosing.

Q I see. Well then, you parted, did you?

A Then we parted, I returned to downtown Edmonton.

Q What was the course of events after you left Mr. Leger

A Concerning myself?

Q Yes, oh, yes, Mr. Hume, I am only interested in your direct observations, and so on?

A Right. On the way back into town, Mr. Grundberg was with us at this point in the car, and we both expressed some chagrin at having wasted a lot of time on a pointless -

Q With Mr. -

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A Mr. O'Dwyer.

Q Do I understand that Mr. O'Dwyer was driving you back?

A Yes, he was driving the car.

Q Yes?

A Mr. Grundberg left the car in the downtown area and then Mr. O'Dwyer said that he would now take me to one more place, the residence of a high ranking Government official, whose wife would tell me many many things that had been left out. So my attitude at this -

Q Yes, I am sorry, counsel have remarked, sir, that probably this is not something we should go into.

MR. GILL: Mr. Dowding and I have indicated to Mr. Clement that we are not interested in this branch in view of what I have previously said, sir, and your remarks, sir.

MR. STEER: Nor am I.

Q MR. CLEMENT: Then, leaving out that sort of thing, Mr. Hume, would you carry on?

A It was from this particular residence that I phoned Donald Smith, the News Editor of the Journal, and said the evening appeared to be all wrapped up, and I gave him the address and he came around, picked me up in his car, and we drove to Mr. Smith's residence, and it was there, I cannot recall whether Mr. Snaddon phoned Mr. Smith or whether Mr. Smith phoned Mr. Snaddon to say "Hume is back and sort of resurfaced, and is here.", and Mr. Snaddon said "Well, would you bring him in to the office.", and we then -

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MR. DOWDING: Do we have to go through all this hearsay?

A And we travelled to the Edmonton Journal offices and I was asked to report basically as I have done.

Q MR. CLEMENT: Yes, and after that was there anything that came under your observation?

A No, not particularly. The following day Mr. Snaddon asked me to write this memorandum, which I did on the, it would be then the Thursday morning.

Q And did that in effect end your association with this matter?

A Yes.

Q Would you answer my friends, please?

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Gill?

MR. GILL EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Mr. Hume, you say you wrote the memo that we have been provided with on Thursday morning?

A That is correct.

Q And that would be July 30th?

A Yes.

Q You seem to have dated it Friday, July 21st, 1964; that is a mistake, isn't it?

MR. CLEMENT: It looks like it is the 31st, if you look at the -

Q MR. GILL: The 31st, if we can see the original,

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Q (Cont.) would you look at page 1?

A I was just looking for page 1, I can't find it.

Q Probably like my writing, Mr. Hume.

A The 31st.

Q And it is marked "Friday"?

A Yes.

Q So then it was actually made on Friday, the 31st, not on Thursday, the 30th?

A I am quite sure it was made the following day.

Q I see, well, in any event it was made very recently following this meeting with Mr. Leger and Mr. Hooke?

A This is correct.

Q I see. Now, you mentioned to my friend Mr. Clement that you thought the meeting with Mr. Hooke and yourself and Mr. Leger took about thirty minutes?

A Yes, I lost, in a conversation of this kind you do lose track of time, and that is just a guess.

Q I see. Well, on one page of your memorandum you mention twenty minutes, which would be the more accurate?

A I don't think I could be more accurate than twenty or thirty minutes, I wouldn't want to say.

Q Well, why was Mr. Hooke there at this meeting?

A I have no idea.

Q Were you not surprised that a Minister of the Crown, a Cabinet Minister of long standing such as Mr. Hooke, would just come to a meeting such as this?

A Yes, I was.

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

Q Did you not attribute any reasons to it?

A I attributed reasons at the time but those reasons may have changed.

Q What were the reasons you attributed at the time?

A Well, at the time I tended to believe that Mr. Leger and Mr. O'Dwyer really could produce.

Q They seemed to be in some degree of control of Mr. Hooke, you felt?

A They had said they were, they made a phone call and Mr. Hooke arrived.

Q Well, this at that time would tend to confirm your thoughts?

A It would tend to lead me in that direction, yes.

Q Which were basically then that Mr. Hooke was afraid of something?

A This would be the impression at that time.

Q Well, that was the impression you had at that time, was it not, sir?

A At that time, yes.

Q And his appearance at the meeting confirmed that impression, did it not?

A Correct.

Q He was nervous, was he not?

A Yes.

Q Pale?

A Yes.

Q Appeared to be visibly shaken?

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

A Yes.

Q And this was two days, no, just one day after Mr. Hinman had resigned?

A That is correct.

Q And there was quite a bit of commotion about that?

A Right.

Q Were you at the Premier's conference following the Cabinet meeting when Mr. Hinman resigned?

A Yes, I was.

Q And the reason given, as I understand it, was Mr. Hinman's conflict of interest?

A That is correct.

Q And you suspected the same type of thing in Mr. Hooke, did you not?

A I did.

Q And your previous exploration had led you to that reasonable anticipation?

A Yes, it was taking us in that direction, again at that time.

Q You had done at least three weeks work beforehand checking on this?

A No, that is not -

Q I see.

A That is not basically, I don't think that can be said; over a three week period.

Q I see, not exclusively?

A No.

Q You were a working reporter?

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

A That is correct.

Q But you went to the Court House and checked Statements of Claim concerning Mr. Hooke?

A No, just company records.

Q Company records, and which company records were these, Mr. Hume?

A Well, we started, as I recall, with Paris Investments, and this led us to other allied companies of Dr. Allard.

Q Yes, do you mean allied or Allard companies?

A Well, use whichever phrase you like.

Q You say you were led from Paris Investments, which you believed to be an Allard company?

A Yes.

Q To what other companies?

A I can't remember the names of the others now, they all had the name "Investment" in them.

Q Charter Investments, does that name ring a bell?

A Yes, that sounds familiar.

Q Doral Investments?

MR. STEER: No such name.

Q MR. GILL: Doral Holdings, or something with "Doral" in it?

MR. STEER: Doral Developments.

MR. DOWDING: Doral Developments Limited.

A I couldn't say.

Q MR. GILL: You didn't find that one. What about Mayfair Leaseholds, did you find that one?

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

A I really don't know. Paris Investments was the one that stuck with me and stayed with me and the others now I am not sure whether I heard the names since.

Q What about North West Trust Company?

A I am sorry.

Q I see, and how did you learn of the loan of a million and a half dollars by the Treasury Branch to Paris Investments Limited?

A There was a document on the Paris Investments' file.

Q I see, at the Registrar of Companies Office?

A Yes.

Q And this meeting took place at what time on the 29th of July 1964?

A I couldn't be specific but it would be around suppertime.

Q That varies with people.

A Five, six o'clock.

Q Well, what time did you finally leave the Southbend Motel?

A I would think around eight o'clock or eight thirty.

Q I see, well, did you have any dinner yourself that evening?

A No, I did not.

Q I see, and you had been going on this since lunchtime pretty well?

A Yes.

Q I see, and what time did you arrive at the Southbend Motel?

A It would be around five or six o'clock.

Q And you were driven there by whom?

A I was driven there by Mr. O'Dwyer, he had picked me up

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A (Cont.) shortly after three o'clock, or had met me shortly after three, but then there was some conversation and then we drove over to the Southside, but he took quite a long route, we didn't go the shortest route.

Q There was a cloak and dagger atmosphere, was there?

A Yes, there was.

Q And in your conversations with Mr. Hooke did you make any threats to Mr. Hooke?

A No.

Q You were there to get information?

A That is correct.

Q And you had been led to believe you would be given information?

A That is correct.

Q In fact Mr. Hooke was to hold a confessional, this is what you were led to believe?

A This is true.

Q And you were going to publish the results?

A Not necessarily.

Q I see, well, you were a working newspaper reporter?

A Yes.

Q Employed by the Edmonton Journal?

A Yes.

Q And if you had heard certain so-called confessions from the mouth of a Cabinet Minister, would you have published it?

A Well, I wouldn't have had the authority to.

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

Q No, you would have written the story?

A Probably would have written the story.

Q Probably?

A Well, I would have written the story.

Q Certainly, you had been a newspaper man how long?

A Twenty years.

Q And never before had a Cabinet Minister made a confession to you?

A No.

Q And did you in your discussions in this basement of the Southbend Motel here in Edmonton on July 29th 1964, did you discuss with Mr. Hooke his involvement with Dr. Allard?

A Yes, I did.

Q And did you discuss the Fort McMurray developments at all?

A No, the Fort McMurray development was mentioned in the form of a question, and Mr. Hooke said that he had no knowledge of it.

Q I see. Well, as the press gallery reporter, the senior press gallery reporter for the Edmonton Journal you did cover the 1964 session of the House?

A Yes, I did.

Q You were aware of the proposals that Fort McMurray abandon its Old Town status and become a New Town?

A Yes.

Q You had seen some of the returns, had you, in the House?

A My mind was quite vague on any debate or mention of Fort McMurray in the House during that session.

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

Q Did you see a Sessional Paper 94 or 95 presented to the House?

MR. CLEMENT: That was in 1965, Mr. Gill.

Q MR. GILL: Oh, I am sorry. No, you couldn't have done Mr. Hume, but did you know of any of the Orders-In-Council or anything else concerning Fort McMurray?

A Fort McMurray it seems to me at the session that I took, the '64 session, Fort McMurray was, was more in the news because of the possible development of the tar sands than as a townsite.

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

Q Did you see an Order-In-Council signed by Mr. Hooke on the 2nd of April, 1964 that is in these proceedings, Mr. Commissioner, in Exhibit 335 as a schedule B to that, it was a development control order Mr. Hume?

A If it was an Order-In-Council, I undoubtedly saw it but I can't recall it now.

Q I see. Well then, were you surprised when Mr. Hooke as Minister of Municipal Affairs told you he didn't know anything about Fort McMurray and Dr. Allard?

A He didn't quite say it that way. I had questioned him on his relationship with Dr. Allard and asked him if he was aware that Dr. Allard was investing in land in the Fort McMurray area and he at this time said that he didn't know anything about it.

Q Did you believe that answer?

MR. CLEMENT: Well --

MR. GILL: I am entitled to it I think Mr. Commissioner.

MR. CLEMENT: -- I think that that question tends to put Mr. Hume in your position sir. You are to judge what is the truth.

MR. GILL: Well, with respect Mr. Commissioner I think ---

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the question?

MR. GILL: Did he believe, did the witness believe Mr. Hooke when he told him he didn't know anything about Fort McMurray and Dr. Allard.

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, I think his reaction, I can't see any reason why I shouldn't know what his reaction was, for what it is worth.

MR. GILL: Thank you.

Q MR. GILL: What was your reaction when Mr. Hooke said this?

A I don't think there was any particular yes or no reaction. I didn't immediately think you are telling me lies; I didn't immediately think you are telling me the truth. I don't know what my frame of mind might be.

Q You told us earlier that you were interested in this because Mr. Hooke had been, I think your words were, surrounded by rumor?

A Yes.

Q Now, what were some of these, was there just one or were there a number?

A Well I mentioned some of them earlier, the continuing rumour about the cheque, there was always vague references to other documents, there were references to his business relationship with Dr. Allard, his entanglements with Paris Investments, these were all sort of just going through the mill.

Q What about Ideal Homes Limited, had you some background on that?

A I had no background on it, I heard it mentioned from time to time.

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

Q What about Sherwood Park, the development of the townsite?

A I think it might help here if it were pointed out that my investigations of Mr. Hooke were very brief and that while I was a Legislative reporter and senior reporter I had only been on the Legislature since I believe January of that year or maybe shortly before that.

Q And when did you come to the Journal?

A October, 1962.

Q And where had you been before that?

A At the Penticton Herald for five and a half years.

Q So you weren't quite as up to date on the background as some of the other people?

A That is true.

Q Had you done any investigations into Capilano Homes and the rezoning of the City of Edmonton and Mr. Hooke?

A I had not.

Q Were you aware of any problems about a lumber deal and Chemcell with Mr. Hooke?

A I was not.

Q What value did you place or anyone else place on this free lodging Mr. Hooke got from Dr. Allard?

A The value I placed on it was that it may have been an unwise thing to do but it didn't cause me any great concern when the true facts were revealed.

Q Did you make an inquiry into the dollars and cents cost of this?

A No I did not.

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

Q Mr. Hooke told you he had been there twice, at Regent Towers in Victoria?

A Yes, he said he had stayed there on two occasions, I believe he said once for three weeks and once for two weeks.

Q In the year 1964?

A I gather the impression he had been there once in '64 and once in '63.

Q Do you know when the stay was in 1964?

A I can't remember.

Q Or in 1963?

A No.

Q Have you visited this Regent Towers in Victoria?

A No I have not.

Q You are now employed in Victoria?

A Yes.

Q Have you seen the building?

A Yes I have.

Q Would you describe it?

A It is what is described as a semi-highrise apartment building.

Q Well how old is it?

A I have no idea.

Q Well, it is an Oak Bay type of apartment, nearly falling down or is it a modern cement highrise or semi-highrise structure Mr. Hume? Surely you can tell us that?

A It is relatively modern.

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James Hume - Gill Ex.

Q An up to date apartment?

A Yes.

Q Constructed probably within the last fifteen years?

A I would think so.

Q Did you discuss Mr. Hooke's financial position with him in this confrontation meeting?

A I did not.

Q Did he mention it?

A He did not.

Q And basically all he told you was he had had some free lodging from Dr. Allard?

A A free place for a vacation.

Q On two occasions?

A On two occasions.

Q But there were no great disclosures made to you?

A None whatsoever.

Q And you were unhappy about it?

A Disappointed more than unhappy.

Q Well you said you used harsh tones to him?

A Yes, I think I was unnecessarily harsh.

Q Perhaps a little bitter?

A No, just tired.

Q You had missed your dinner?

A No I had been going pretty steadily with long nights for three days and they had been long days, days of crisis in the Government, days of plodding through records, days of quite a bit of tension. I think my aim was growing just a

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James Hume - Gill Ex.
- Bowen Ex.

A (cont.) little bit fuzzy.

Q Your what?

A My aim.

Q What was your aim?

A The object of my remarks, the way I expressed myself.

I was getting tired and possibly using phrases that I would not normally use.

Q But you are convinced you didn't at anytime threaten Mr. Hooke?

A There was no intent of threat.

Q Did you point out to him you might expose him?

A No, this was not in my mind.

Q You were there on a fact finding mission, is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Bowen.

MR. BOWEN EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q Mr. Hume, you have heard Mr. Snaddon's evidence this morning and the use of the word blackmail, I think, described the events in Leger's motel?

A Yes.

Q Was there any attempt of blackmail on your part?

A Not on my part.

Q Did you see on the part of anyone there any attempt of blackmail against Mr. Hooke?

A No.

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James Hume - Bowen Ex.

Q You would disagree with the Premier of this Province then if he said it was blackmail?

A Yes I would.

Q And I gather that Mr. Hooke used these same words after this event?

A I have no knowledge.

Q And you would disagree with him if he did say that?

A If he said it, I would disagree with him but I have no knowledge of Mr. Hooke ever saying it.

Q I suppose after this meeting Mr. Hume you felt you had been taken a bit?

A Yes I did.

Q Now, previous to this had you talked about the Government with Mr. O'Dwyer previous to this meeting?

A My first conversation with Mr. O'Dwyer was on the Tuesday evening of the day of Mr. Hinman's resignation.

Q All right now, had you ever talked to Mr. O'Dwyer previous to that time?

A No.

Q Had you ever talked to Mr. Leger?

A No.

Q What type of man is Mr. O'Dwyer, do you know?

A The only occasion I had to meet Mr. O'Dwyer was on this occasion and he is not the easiest of men either to listen to or to understand.

Q He talks very rapidly does he not?

A Very rapidly on many subjects simultaneously.

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James Hume - Bowen Ex.
- Crawford Ex.

Q Right. Did he cast any aspersions or make any allegations against anyone other than Mr. Hooke?

A I think it was just a sweeping statement, yes, he mentioned Premier Manning, he mentioned Mr. Hooke, he left the impression that he had known all about Mr. Hinman for many years and generally embraced all Cabinet Ministers.

Q Right, he was using a shotgun?

A Correct.

Q Did he attempt to substantiate any charges against anyone other than Mr. Hooke and Mr. Hinman?

A No.

Q Did you ever receive from Mr. O'Dwyer any substantiation of any charges that he made?

A None whatsoever.

Q You mentioned that you met him at the Liberal Office?

A Yes.

Q There was no indication or thought that Mr. Leger or Mr. O'Dwyer were acting on behalf of the Liberal Party, was there?

A No suggestion at all.

Q And they were not officials of the Liberal Party?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q It was only happen stance that is where you met?

A Correct.

Q Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Crawford?

MR. CRAWFORD EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

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James Hume - Crawford Ex.

Q Mr. Hume after the memorandum that you have before you was made up on July 30th or 31st, did you -- that is, 1964, did you pursue any further investigations in respect to Fort McMurray?

A No I did not.

Q Did you pursue any further investigations in respect to any Allard Hooke connection at all?

A I did not.

Q You considered the matter at an end?

A As far as I was concerned.

Q At that point had you searched the records of Charter Investments Limited?

A I don't think so. I am not sure whether Charter was one record that I had searched prior to this or not.

Q And so if that is so you never did look into the affairs of Charter Investments?

A Correct, not in any great detail.

Q Well, at all?

A Well as I say I can't recall whether Charter was one of the files I checked prior to this or not, I just don't remember.

Q Mr. Hume, you were here when Mr. Snaddon gave evidence and at that time a document was produced to counsel, I don't remember whether it was marked as an Exhibit or not at the time, it has a notation on the side Mr. Clement marked Thursday July 30th.

MR. CLEMENT:

Well, this is a document sir which

in the end result has not been put in evidence.

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James Hume - Crawford Ex.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. CLEMENT: It is the report from the investigating agency that Mr. Snaddon referred to after the completion of Mr. Snaddon's evidence I suggested to you sir that this would probably not be suitable as an Exhibit.

THE COMMISSIONER: I have already ruled on it that I wasn't going to admit it.

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Commissioner, I don't think there is any objection to my asking him with respect to the one reference to Charter Investments that does appear in this document.

Q MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Hume --

MR. G.A.C. STEER: Excuse me a moment, I am sorry to interrupt but, I would like to know to which portion my friend is referring.

MR. CRAWFORD: Just the bottom paragraph.

MR. G.A.C. STEER: All right.

Q MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Hume, by July 30th or 31st, 1964 did any information come to you through the Journal that a man by the name of Lloyd Haris, supposed to be a manager of a firm called Charter Investments has a connection with Paris Investments and Dr. Charles Allard, had that information come to you by that time?

A I am sorry I can't answer that. It doesn't mean anything to me right now, three years is a long time ago.

Q I realize that. You did ask Mr. Hooke about Fort McMurray?

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James Hume - Crawford Ex.

A That is correct.

Q In very short form?

A Yes.

Q And his answer had been that there was little he could tell you about it?

A Correct.

Q And you accepted that answer, I am asking you now if my presumption is correct, without any particular awareness on your part, of the involvement of Charter Investments in Fort McMurray?

A That is correct.

Q Did this information in regard to Lloyd Harris and Charter Investments ever come to your attention?

A I am not quite sure what this document is, I have never seen it.

Q I am going to not refer you to the document Mr. Hume, just to the information?

A Well, the name Harris means nothing to me at all.

Q If you had known of the name of Lloyd Harris and Charter Investments and an allegation that there was a connection with Paris Investments and Dr. Charles Allard, as of the time you interviewed Mr. Hooke, would you have pursued that matter?

A I don't think I can answer that.

MR. MAYNARD:

Mr. Commissioner, this is speculation now.

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James Hume - Crawford Ex.
- Dowding Ex.

THE COMMISSIONER: It is pretty speculative all right.

A I have no idea whether I would have used it or not.

MR. CLEMENT: I am just trying to recall sir the evidence given by Mr. Harris in respect of Charter Investments and the evidence given by Bishop Piche. I have a little doubt. Certainly in my recollection there had been no completed purchase by Charter Investments until the fall of 1964.

MR. GILL: I am speaking from memory and I know that I asked Mr. Harris and it will appear in the transcript if Charter Investments made a building application to put up a hotel and shopping centre on River lot 9 at Fort McMurray for \$350,000.00 and the date that building permit was approved was August 4th, 1964.

MR. G.A.C. STEER: Quite.

MR. GILL: Mr. Steer has used his favourite word, quite.

MR. CRAWFORD: I am quite finished, My Lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Dowding?

MR. DOWDING: I am not quite.

MR. DOWDING EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q Mr. Hume do you know if there was a tape recording machine used on that occasion to your knowledge?

A On the conversation in the basement?

Q Yes?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q And no reference was made to that by Mr. Leger either before

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James Hume - Dowding Ex.

Q (cont.) or after the interview?

A I never heard of a tape until you mentioned it to me on Monday.

Q Yes, and with respect to the \$25,000.00 cheque that was referred to by Mr. Leger or Mr. O'Dwyer, did either of them wave a cheque in your direction or show it to you?

A No, the cheque was in safe keeping.

Q This is what you were told?

A This is what I was told.

Q And with respect to your presence at the Liberal headquarters when you received a call there or someone received a call there, that appeared to be from Mr. O'Dwyer?

A Correct.

Q Could I get it straight, Mr. O'Dwyer was a Liberal I presume?

A I have no idea.

Q You have no idea?

A No.

Q And Mr. Leger, he is a Liberal?

A I have no idea.

Q No idea. Were they both at one stage or another at Liberal headquarters?

A Not with me, not to my knowledge.

Q And did you have any conversation with them as to what the Liberals were going to do with Mr. Hooke if he didn't have a job? Did you overhear any conversation between them?

A No I didn't.

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James Hume - Dowding Ex.

MR. BOWEN: My Lord, I take objection to this form of questioning, what the Liberals were going to do with Mr. Hooke. There is no evidence whatsoever about the Liberals, I think the question is entirely --

THE COMMISSIONER: No there isn't on the evidence and I don't think Mr. Dowding that really is a proper question because there is no indication that they were going to do anything.

MR. BOWEN: It is obvious that the N.D.P. were trying to do something, sir.

MR. DOWDING: I don't know, it seems to be the Liberal headquarters that has the problem, not us.

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Commissioner, it is not up to me to interject at this point but Mr. Bowen has been defensive to a certain extent with respect to the party he represents. Mr. Dowding is from Vancouver and I thought that I might volunteer to him that it is a matter of public knowledge that both Mr. O'Dwyer and Mr. Leger are former Liberal candidates.

MR. DOWDING: Thank you.

MR. BOWEN: And, I should like to add to that sir, after July 1964.

THE COMMISSIONER: I don't think gentlemen really that that information is particularly relevant so far as this Inquiry is concerned.

MR. DOWDING: Except that it is relevant, I would submit Mr. Commissioner with respect to the motives if any.

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James Hume - Dowding Ex.

MR. DOWDING: (cont.) The question of motives has been raised several times as to why this meeting was set up, even by Commission counsel and I was just trying to find out --

THE COMMISSIONER: That's all right.

MR. DOWDING: -- if political motives were involved.

THE COMMISSIONER: Go ahead.

MR. CLEMENT: Not political motives, I was asking Mr. Snaddon what moved the Journal to make an investigation, not political party towards any end.

Q MR. DOWDING: Now, do you know anything about Mr. Hooke's affairs at that time in 1964 with respect to the City of Edmonton?

A No.

Q Were you aware that Mr. Leger was an Alderman of the City of Edmonton?

A I am not sure whether he was an Alderman at that time in 1964. He had been an Alderman, possibly still was.

Q And were you aware that at that time Mr. Hooke -- well, I imagine, you read your own paper I presume, don't you, the Edmonton Journal?

A I did when I worked for it.

Q At that time. And, were you aware there was a bit of controversy going on between the Council and Mr. Hooke?

A Yes I was.

Q About a land exchange proposal?

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James Hume - Dowding Ex.

A Yes, I read the news stories.

Q Now, do you know whether Mr. Hooke had been in touch with Mr. Leger about that land exchange proposal, did they indicate it to you prior to this meeting?

A No they did not.

Q Now, in your notes of what took place, certainly have gone beyond, if I may say so, merely finding out whether Mr. Hooke had received some benefit in the form of free lodging and tried to some way see whether that had anything to do with Mr. Hooke's Government duties. Isn't that what you are trying to establish?

A I wonder if you would rephrase that.

Q I will put it more simply, you were trying to establish there was more than a question of free lodging, there was a question of some benefit being extended to Dr. Allard or his company, isn't that what you were after, to link it?

A No I don't think so.

Q But you did ask him about Fort McMurray, didn't you?

A Correct.

Q And about his relationship to Paris Investments?

A Yes.

Q Why did you do that unless you were trying to establish a link between the Minister and his official duties and these companies?

A We were trying to ascertain if a link existed.

Q Well you recall the Sommers case, I suppose?

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James Hume - Dowding Ex.

A Yes.

Q And in that Sommers case the Minister had to deal with a license, you remember that?

A Yes.

Q For B.C. Forest Products? Right?

MR. CLEMENT: Well, we are not investigating either British Columbia, California or anything else except --

MR. DOWDING: I am trying to get at the state of mind of this witness, if I may and I am asking if he knew of that situation.

Q MR. DOWDING: Was it your motive to try to link Mr. Hooke with the dealings of this company that was applying on Fort McMurray, Paris Investments?

A We were --

Q Charter Investments?

A We were conducting our investigation to see if a link existed.

Q I see. You didn't pursue it very far though, did you?

A We pursued it to the point where we felt we had gone far enough.

Q Well, let me see what you did. You asked Mr. Hooke if he knew anything about Paris Investments?

A Correct.

Q You asked him if he knew anything about the developments at Fort McMurray, is that right?

A Correct.

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James Hume - Dowding Ex.

Q Did you ask him if he had passed an Order-In-Council respecting developments at Fort McMurray?

A I did not.

Q Or whether any application for an Order-In-Council had been made to him with respect to Fort McMurray?

A I did not.

Q Did you pursue your investigations into it any further than just asking him about Fort McMurray, looking up the Companies Branch records about Paris Investments Limited?

A That was the extent of our investigations at that time.

Q Yes, so you didn't follow it up?

A I didn't.

Q Right. Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Steer? If you are going to have a lengthy cross-examination perhaps we had better leave it until tomorrow morning.

MR. G.A.C. STEER: Well, it will probably be easier rather than starting and finishing half way through.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I think it might. There are several counsel yet, Mr. Maynard and Mr. Hurlburt so I think probably we might adjourn then until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

(The Hearing stood adjourned
at 12:55 P.M.)

